

# Gradient, a hat pattern

## materials & gauge:

- \* sizes & approx yardage:  
**child large/adult small** • worsted weight (20" circumference stretched)  
A: 60 yards, B: 60 yards  
**adult med/large** • bulky weight (22" circumference stretched)  
A: 70 yards, B: 70 yards
  - \* dpns or circular needles – 5 mm/5.5 mm (US 8/US 9 size )  
or size necessary to achieve gauge
  - \* yarn weight  
 worsted (label gauge: 18-20 sts = 4")  
 bulky (label gauge: 12-15 sts = 4")
  - \* gauge (unstretched, in ribbed pattern)  
worsted weight (5 mm needles) : 4" = 23 st/26 rows  
bulky weight (5.5 mm needles): 4" = 21 st / 21 rows
- all yardage is approximate, your yardage may vary••

## techniques & abbreviations:

- k:** knit  
**p:** purl  
**p2tog:** purl two stitches together as one.
- ssk:** slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops.



## notes:

- \* adjustments for adult small and adult large are in parenthesis where needed.
- \* work the entire hat in ribbing pattern to the decreases.
- \* at each color change, knit the first round with the new color to make a clean color transition.  
work the ribbing pattern for the 2nd and the rest of the rounds (per color change list) using the new color.

## directions:

using a longtail cast on, create 70 (75) sts. split evenly among needles, being careful not to twist, and join to form a circle.

To adjust size, adjust cast on count by a multiple of 5.

**ribbing pattern:** k3, p2 around

## color changes:

**Color A:** 11 (9) rounds  
**Color B:** 2 rounds (per note, knit the first round, ribbing for the 2nd round).  
**Color A:** 5 rounds  
**Color B:** 3 rounds  
**Color A:** 4 rounds  
**Color B:** 4 rounds  
**Color A:** 3 rounds  
**Color B:** 5 rounds  
**Color A:** 2 rounds

## approximate hat height before decreases:

child large/adult small: 6"  
adult med/large: 7"  
*clip A. work decreases only with B.*

## decreases:

rnd 1: k around  
rnd 2: k3, p2tog around (56/60 sts rem)  
rnd 3-6: k3, p1 around  
rnd 7: k2, p2tog around (42/45 sts rem)  
rnd 8-10: k2, p1 around  
rnd 11: k1, p2tog around (28/30 sts rem)  
rnd 12s-13: k1, p1 around  
rnd 14: ssk around (14/15 sts rem)  
rnd 15: k around  
rnd 16: ssk around (7/8 sts rem)

## finishing:

break MC, leaving a 12" tail.  
weave through remaining loops.  
tie off inside and weave in all ends.