

Ed's Hat

Yarn: Lion Brand Wool-Ease *Thick and Quick* or comparable yarn to achieve gauge.

Needles: size 13 or whatever needles give you the **gauge of approximately 2.25 stitches** per inch. Get a set of double point needles. I prefer bamboo, aluminum in this size is a bit clunky.

Notions: A stitch marker will come in handy when you are decreasing at the top where you need to know when you are starting a new round.

The Pattern

Cast On

Take a deep breath, and relax. Now cast on 44 stitches. Be careful here to make your cast on row loose and elastic. If it's too tight, the hat will be hard to put on.

The Brim

This very deep folded brim is what gives Ed's Hat extra warmth. And the rib keeps it snug.

Round 1: Knit 2, Purl 2

You will continue the rib (knit the knit stitches and purl the purl stitches) for 5.5 inches

The Body

Now you will switch to stockinette stitch. Since you are knitting this hat in the round continue to knit until the hat measures 9 inches.

Crown Shaping

Remember the marker you placed at the beginning of the round? Here's where you need it. It's easy when you are knitting the body of the hat to forget where a round begins and ends. Now you must pay attention.

Round 1 *1 knit 5, k2 together,* 6 times

Round 2 Knit

Round 3 *Knit 4, Knit 2 together* 6 times

By now you've probably figure out where we are going with this decrease. But there are knitting days when it really helps to have everything written out. Just in case you're having one of those days, I'll continue writing the instructions.

Round 4 Knit

Round 5 *Knit 3, Knit 2 together* 6 times

Round 6 Knit

Round 7 *Knit 2, knit 2 together* 6 times

Round 8 Knit

Round 9 *Knit 1, Knit 2 together* 6 times

Round 10 Knit

Round 11 Knit 2 together 6 times

Cut yarn, leaving approximately 15-20"; with yarn needles, draw yarn through remaining stitches and pull tight.