

\*\*Please use only 100% Wool Worsted Weight Yarn. It is warmer, has better moisture wicking qualities, and in the event of an accident, safer than Acrylic.

#### HATS FOR TROOPS – KNIT ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES

1 Skein 100% wool worsted weight yarn in a dark color  
16" circular needle, size 8 or 9  
1 set double point needles, size 8 or 9

Cast on 80 stitches. Place marker and join (This is your first knit st.)

Knit K2, P2 ribbing for 1" to 1 ½".

Change to stockinette stitch and knit until piece measures approximately 5 ½" from cast on edge.

Decrease for top as follows:

Round 1: \*K6, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 2 and all even rounds: Knit.  
Round 3: \*K5, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 5: \*K4, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 7: \*K3, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 9: \*K2, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 11: \*K1, K2tog\* repeating between stars to marker.  
Round 13: \*K2tog\* to end of round. 10 Stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 10" tail. Using a blunt needle, run the tail through the 10 remaining stitches. Weave in yarn ends and wet block. Lay flat to dry.

Needle note: This hat is started on a 16" circular needle and is knit from the bottom. As you reach the top and begin decreasing, you will need to switch to double-pointed needles of the same size. Some knitters prefer to knit the entire hat with double-points.

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#### HATS FOR TROOPS – KNIT ON STRAIGHT NEEDLES

1 Skein 100% wool worsted weight yarn in a dark color  
Size 8 or 9 Straight needles

Cast on 80 stitches.

Knit ribbing, (K2, P2), for 1" to 1 ½".

Change to stockinette stitch and knit until piece measures approximately 5 ½" from cast on edge.

Decrease for top as follows:

Row 1: \*K6, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 2 and all even rows: Purl  
Row 3: \*K5, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 5: \*K4, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 7: \*K3, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 9: \*K2, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 11: \*K1, K2tog\* repeating between stars across row.  
Row 13: \*K2tog\* to end of row. 10 Stitches remain.

Break yarn leaving a 20" tail. Using a blunt needle, run the tail through the 10 remaining stitches. Sew seam, weave in yarn ends and wet block. Lay flat to dry.

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#### HATS FOR TROOPS - CROCHET

1 Skein 100% wool worsted weight yarn in a dark color  
Crochet Hook Size K/10.5\*

Chain 4. Join to form ring.

Round 1: 6 SC into ring.  
Round 2: 2 SC into each SC. (12 st)  
Round 3: \*1 SC in next SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (18 st)  
Round 4: \*1 SC in next 2 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (24 st)  
Round 5: \*1 SC in next 3 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (30 st)  
Round 6: \*1 SC in next 4 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (36 st)  
Round 7: \*1 SC in next 5 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (42 st)  
Round 8: \*1 SC in next 6 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (48 st)  
Round 9: \*1 SC in next 7 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (54 st)  
Round 10: \*1 SC in next 8 SC, 2 SC in next SC, rep from \*. (60 st)  
Round 11: 1 SC in each SC.

Repeat Round 11 until hat is approximately 6" long.

Ribbing: \*SC around post from front, SC around next post from back\*, repeat \* to \* for 2 or 3 rounds.

Finish off. Weave in yarn ends and wet block. Lay flat to dry.

\*Hook Note: Hats can vary greatly in size due to tension differences as you crochet. You may need a smaller or larger hook than we recommend.