## Double Red Ribbed Slouch Hat Draft



The model here is 9 years old. You don't really get the full benefit of the slouchiness when she is wearing it.

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## Yarn used:

Caron simply soft in maroon Caron simply soft in bright red Held together as one strand Appropriate yarn to use as a substitute: heavy worsted weight to aran weight used as a single strand, or two light worsted weight yarns, held together as one strand.

Needles: US 8, US 10 ½, US 13, US 15

Initial gauge using US 8 needles: Approximately 4 stitches to the inch in 2x2 ribbing, unstretched.

You can make this hat more slouchy or less slouchy, depending upon how long you knit it.



Here is a picture on an adult.

Cast on 72 (76) stitches using US 8 needles, holding 2 strands of yarn as one, if you are using caron simply soft. Place a marker to designate beginning of round. Join to begin knitting in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Work in 2X2 ribbing for 1 to 1 ½ inches.

Change to US 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  needles. Work 2x2 ribbing until entire piece measures 3 to 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches long from cast on edge.

Change to US 13 needles. Continue working 2x2 ribbing until piece measures 5 ½ to 6 inches from cast on edge.

Change to US 15 needles. Continue working 2x2 ribbing until piece measures 8 ½ to 9 inches.

## Decrease rounds:

(K2tog, P2). Repeat to end of round.

(K1, P2tog). Repeat to end of round.

(K2tog). Repeat around until 3 to 5 stitches remain.

Cut yarn, leaving about a 6 inch tail to weave in. Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tight. Secure firmly. Weave in tail.

Weave in all ends.

Wear with pride.

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