

# ***The Pixie Hat***

This hat is simple enough for any beginner. You can use any colors you like. The sample pictured below was made using two colors of Caron Simply Soft. You can use any light worsted to worsted weight yarn. The Caron simply soft gave this hat a great deal of flexibility.

You will need to know how to knit in the round, cast on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, knit 2 together, make i-cord and binding off in order to make this hat.

Abbreviations:

CO = cast on

K = knit

P = purl

K2tog = knit two together

BO = bind off

The sample hat was made at the request of my daughter. She chose the colors and the yarn. She asked for jingle bells to be sewn onto the ends of the i-cord tassels.

This hat can be made without the i-cord tassels, without the jingle bells, and in whatever colors you would like to make it in.

Change from circular needles to double point needles whenever the need arises during the decrease rows. You can use the magic loop method, or two circular needles to continue in the round once the stitch count is too small for your original needles to handle.

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This photograph shows the hat before blocking, before anything, and without the jingle bells sewn onto the ends.

Sample knit using White (color A) and Blue (color B) Caron simply soft, on US 8 circular needles.

Gauge is roughly 4 stitches per inch.

Loosely cast on 76 stitches using color A. Join in the round, being very careful not to twist the stitches. Place a marker to designate the beginning of rounds. Begin working K2, P2 ribbing. For round , knit the knits and purl the purls to remain in pattern.

Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 2 inches.

Switch to color B, and begin working in stockinette stitch. When working in the round, this means knit every stitch.

Work even (knit every stitch) for three inches.

At the beginning of the next row, (K3, K2tog) across the row. End with a K1. (57 stitches)

Next row, beginning knitting every stitch again.

Work another three inches even (knit every stitch).

At the beginning of the next row, (K1, k2tog) across the row. (38 stitches)

Knit even for another two inches.

At the beginning of the next row, (K2tog) across the row. (19 stitches)

Knit even for one inch.

At the beginning of the next row, (K2tog) across the row. End with a K1. (10 stitches)

Switch to color A.

Knit even for one inch.

At the beginning of next row, divide the remaining stitches evenly onto three separate double point needles. (Needle 1 has 3 stitches. Needle 2 has 3 stitches. Needle 3 has 4 stitches)

Work three separate lengths of i-cord from these stitches. You can either make all three the same length, or you can make each cord a different length. The sample shown has i-cord in lengths of 2, 2 ½, and 3 inches. Bind off all stitches for each i-cord once you reach the length you desire.

Sew a single jingle bell to the end of each i-cord.

Weave in all ends.

Happily wear your new elf hat and spread jingly cheer everywhere you go.

As the sample was made in acrylic yarn, and because my 9 year old daughter was so excited to try on her hat, I did not block the sample. I did find that after several days of nearly constant wear, the hat pretty much blocked itself. All the stitches evened out and looked much more smooth.

The eagerness of my daughter is also why there are so few pictures of this hat for you.

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