

Knitted Stocking Cap Egg Cozy Pattern

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Materials

- A small amount of worsted weight yarn of your choice.
(I used Patons Canadiana)
- A set of four double pointed needles one size smaller than the size suggested to achieve gauge on the ball band of your chosen yarn. (The yarn I chose suggested using a 5 mm needle, so I used a 4.5 mm set)
- Scissors
- A blunt ended, large eyed darning needle
- Cardstock for making the pom pom template

Using the long tail cast-on method, cast on 24 stitches. Divide those 24 stitches over three double pointed needles, so that you have 8 stitches on each needle. Join into a round.

Round 1-3: Work 3 rows in K1 P1 ribbing.

Round 4-12: Work 9 rows even in stocking stitch (since you are knitting in the round, you will knit every row.)

Round 13: First decrease round. You will be decreasing three stitches over the round. At the beginning of each needle, you will knit one stitch, and then knit the next two stitches together, and then knit the remaining stitches on the needle. You do this for each needle, so at the end of the round you will have 21 stitches in the round. (The reason you increase on the second stitch of the needle is to make for a neater increase, so it won't be all loose and weird at the beginning of the needle.)

Round 14: Work one round in stocking stitch (knit)

Round 15: Work another decrease row, as round 13. Eighteen stitches remain on needles.

Round 16-17: work two rounds of stocking stitch (knit both rounds)

Round 18: Work another decrease row, as round 13. Fifteen stitches remain on needles.

Round 19-20: work two rounds of stocking stitch (knit both rounds)

Round 21: Work another decrease row, as round 13. Twelve stitches remain on needles.

Round 22: Knit

Round 23: Work another decrease row, as round 13. Nine stitches remain on needles.

Round 24: Knit

Round 25: Work another decrease row, as round 13. Six stitches remain on needles.

Rounds 26-28: Knit

Round 29: Knit two together, 3 times. There are now 3 stitches left on the needle. Break yarn, leaving a five or six inch tail. Thread a darning needle and draw thread through remaining three stitches.

Now, look around the Internet for a pom pom tutorial. I recommend the one at Meyamo, found at <http://www.meyamo.com/shop/diy-projects>. Scroll down a bit to find the Valentine's Day Pom Pom Creature tutorial, and they have a handy PDF with templates and everything. Use the smallest pom pom template, the one that is 1.2 inches (2 cm).

Using the ends of the yarn that you used to tie the middle of the pom pom, attach the pom pom to the top of the hat. Using a darning needle, bring both ends of the pom pom strings to the inside of the cozy and weave them in securely, so that you will not lose your pom pom. Also bring to the inside and weave under the remaining cast on string.