



Tasselled Wool Hat

A pattern to knit a charming stocking stitch
tasselled hat in 100% wool (4 ply)

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This very simple hat is made of just two rectangles, knitted in easy stocking stitch. There is no shaping, the tassels are optional and by varying the size, colours and embellishments you can make this hat for anyone in the family. This is a great starter project, being simple to make but practical and fun too.

This kit will make a hat to fit an average child (lady, man), with a head circumference (measured around the widest part) of 44(55, 60)cm, 17¼(21½, 23½)ins [finished size 40(50, 55)cm, 15¾(19¾, 21½)ins].

You will need:

- 100g (3½ oz) 4ply wool yarn
- One pair 3¾ mm needles (US 5, old UK size 9) or size required to achieve the stated tension

Knitting Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

ins – inch/es

cm – centimetre/s

st/s – stitch/es

st st – stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

sk – skein

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

tog – together

Tension

Before you begin, make a tension square (gauge swatch) to ensure that the hat is the correct size when it is finished.

Tension: 23sts and 29 rows worked in stocking stitch using size 3¾ mm needles (US 5, old UK size 9) should produce a 10cm (4ins) square.

If your square is smaller than 10cm (4ins) using the suggested needles, increase the size of the needles until the desired tension is reached. If your square is larger, then smaller needles should be tried until your tension square is the right size.

Note: Not everyone knits to exactly the same proportions and it may be that when you work your tension/gauge swatch, you can't get both the rows and the stitches per cm/inch correct. In this case, go for the correct stitches and use measurements to adjust the rows rather than relying purely on the number of rows. For example, if a pattern calls for 20sts and 18 rows to 10cm (4ins) and you have 20sts and 20 rows with one size needles, and 18sts and 18 rows with the next size down, use the needles which give the correct stitch measurement. Your rows may need to be adjusted, and the proportions may not be exactly as specified, but you should get a better result with the correct stitches.

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Knitting the hat

Sizing: For a hat to fit an average child (lady, man), with a head circumference (measured around the widest part) of 44(55, 60)cm, 17¼(21½, 23½)ins [finished size 40(50, 55)cm, 15¾(19¾, 21½)ins].

For the knitting, work in unequal stripes, alternating between the skeins. Both sides of the hat follow the same pattern, so make two pieces thus:

Using 3¾ mm needles (US 5, old UK size 9) or size required to achieve the stated tension cast on 46(58, 63)sts.

Work 102(110, 124) rows [approx. 35(37, 43)cm, 14(14½, 17)ins] st st as follows:

Sk 2 20 (20, 20) rows

Sk 4 8 (8, 8) rows

Sk 3 6 (6, 6) rows

Sk 1 8 (8, 8) rows

Sk 4 4 (4, 4) rows

Sk 3 14 (14, 14) rows

Sk 1 4 (4, 4) rows

Sk 2 6 (6, 6) rows

Sk 4 10 (10, 10) rows

Sk 1 8 (8, 8) rows

Sk 3 6 (6, 6) rows

Sk 1 8 (12, 12) rows

Sk 3 0 (2, 2) rows

Sk 2 0 (2, 2) rows

Sk 4 0 (0, 10) rows

Sk 3 0 (0, 4) rows

Cast off.

Making up

With RS tog backstitch across cast off edges of hat.

With RS tog stitch side seams working from cast off edge towards cast on edge, stitching to within 5cm (2ins) of cast on edge.

Turn work inside out and stitch the last 5cm (2ins) with WS tog (this is to make the rolled brim neater).

Make 2 tassels and attach one to each of the top corners of the hat as follows:

1. Cut approx. 12 pieces of yarn, each 30cm (12ins) long. Fold in half and use a further piece of yarn to wrap around the folded, halved strands starting wrapping at about 1.5cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ ins) from the folded end, and continuing for 1.5cm ($\frac{3}{4}$ ins). Make your wrapping quite tight and finish off as neatly as possible by running the thread back up through the wrapping then back down again. (Fig-3)

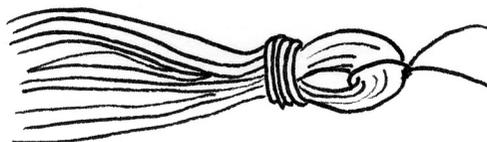


Fig-3

2. To attach the tassel, pass a new piece of thread several times through the loop formed by the folded yarns, then through the corner of the hat, until the tassel feels firmly attached. Fasten off WS. Don't pull the thread too tight, as the tassel should have some movement. (Fig-4).

3. Trim the ends of the tassel to the same length.

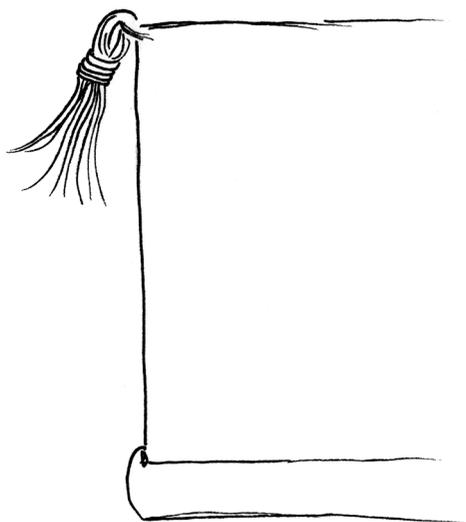


Fig-4

Care instructions

Handwashing using vegetable-based soap flakes, a gentle handwash liquid or a mild hair shampoo is recommended. Avoid biological detergents and anything with optical brighteners or bleach as this may damage the yarn.

Don't allow the item to soak. Rinse thoroughly. Gently squeeze, then roll the item carefully in an old towel to soak up the excess moisture. Do not wring.

After washing, gently pull the item into shape and dry flat, either outside if the weather is fine, or in a warm airing cupboard or room, but not on a radiator or near direct heat.

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