

Materials:

Worsted weight Yarn (approx. 75 yards total)
 US Size 7 - 20" Circular
 US Size 8 – 20" Circular and US Size 8 double-point needles

Gauge:

18 sts and 24 rows = 4"

Sizes:

Small (Med, Lg, X-Lg)



Cast on 66 (72, 78, 84) stitches; place marker and join.

Brim:

Round 1: *K1, p1. Repeat from * to end of round.
 Repeat Round 1 five (5) more times.

Body:

All Rounds: Knit. Repeat until piece measures 4½ " (5, 5½, 6") from the beginning.

Crown Decreases: (divide the work onto 3 dpn's when they no longer span the circular comfortably)

Round 1: *K9 (10, 11, 12), k2tog, PM*. Repeat from * to* to end of round.

Round 2: *K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog*. Repeat from * to* to end of round

Continue decreases in this manner on each round until 6 sts remain.

Cut yarn, leaving a 10" tail. Draw tail through remaining stitches on the needle. Pull gently to close the hole. Secure and weave in ends.

Notes about Hospital Hats:

Chemo treatments not only cause hair loss, they can also cause extremely sensitive skin. These are guidelines to ensure your knitted hats are useful:

- 1) DO use acrylic yarns. They are soft and extremely washable.
- 2) DO NOT use cotton, wool, bamboo, alpaca, etc. Many of these fibres cause a skin reaction and are not soft to lay on.
- 3) TRY to work in the round to avoid a seam that may be uncomfortable to lay on.
- 4) Children mostly choose plain colours, stripes and intarsia patterned hats.
- 5) Hats knit in variegated yarns are the least chosen by children.