

CUDDLY COW HAT KNITTING PATTERN

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Sizes: 0-3 months (6 months, 12 months, 2T+)

Gauge: 20 st. = 4 inches

Worsted weight yarn in white, black, tan and pink

US 7 16" circular knitting needles

US 7 double pointed needles

Yarn needle

Using long-tail cast on, cast on 56 (64, 72, 80) stitches onto your circular needles with the white yarn color. Join to knit in the round and knit 1 stitch, purl 1 stitch in a rib stitch for 5 rounds. Then knit all rows until the hat is about 4 (4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2) inches long.

Decrease (divide your stitches evenly between 3 double pointed needles or use magic loop):

Round 1: (k6, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 2: knit all stitches

Round 3: (k5, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 4: knit all stitches

Round 5: (k4, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 6: knit all stitches

Round 7: (k3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 8: knit all stitches

Round 9: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 10: knit all stitches

Round 11: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Round 12: k2tog and repeat to the end of the round

Cut yarn, pull through loops and close. Weave in ends.

Outer Ear (make 2):

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 10 stitches with the white yarn, leave a long cast on tail to stitch the ears to the hat.

Rows 1 - 6 : knit odd rows, purl even rows

Row 7: k2tog, k6, ssk

Row 8: purl all stitches

Row 9: k2tog, k4, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

Inner Ear (make 2):

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 8 stitches with the pink yarn, leave a long cast on tail to stitch the inner ear to the outer ear.

Rows 1 - 6 : knit odd rows, purl even rows

Row 7: k2tog, k6, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

To assemble the ears: First use the long tail on one pink inner ear to whipstitch it wrong (purl) sides together to one white outer ear. Make sure your stitches don't show through to the other side of the outer ear. (photo A1) Knot the yarn and weave in the end. Repeat with the other ear parts. Then thread one white outer ear cast on tail onto your yarn needle. Pinch the assembled ear at the base and take one stitch through it to help it hold its shape. (photo A2) Finally, sew each ear to the top of the hat.

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Horns (make 2):

Using double pointed needles, cast on 8 stitches with the tan yarn, divide them evenly between three needles and join to knit in the round. Leave a long cast on tail to stitch the horns to the hat

Rounds 1 - 4: knit all stitches

Cut your yarn and pull through loops to close, knot and pull the yarn tail to the inside of the horn and use it as stuffing to make the horn stand up. Cut off any excess. Use the long cast on tail to stitch the horns to top of the hat between the ears.

Nose:

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 10 stitches with the pink yarn. Leave a long cast on tail to stitch the nose to the hat.

Row 1: kfb, kfb, k6, kfb, kfb

Row 2: purl all stitches

Row 3: kfb, k12, kfb

Rows 4 - 8: knit all odd rows, purl all even rows

Row 9: k2tog, k12, ssk

Row 10: purl all stitches

Row 11: k2tog, k2tog, k6, ssk, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

Nostrils (make 2):

Using double pointed needles as straight needles cast on 2 stitches with the black yarn. Leave a long tail to stitch the nostrils to the nose.

Row 1: k2

Bind off and weave in that end. Use the long black cast on tail to stitch the nostrils to the nose. Then use the long pink nose cast on tail to stitch the assembled nose to the hat.

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Thread your yarn needle with black yarn and make two short horizontal stitches for the eyes. Secure the yarn inside the hat. Make sure the eye stitches are fairly loose so they won't pull when the hat stretches. (photo B) Use another length of black yarn and use a loose backstitch to make a slightly curved u-shape for the cow's smile. (photo C)

Cow Spot #1:

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 3 stitches with black yarn. Leave a long tail to stitch the spot to the hat.

Purl all even rows

Row 1: kfb, k1, kfb

Row 3: kfb, k4

Row 5: kfb, k5

Row 7: k2tog, k5

Row 9: k2tog, k3, kfb

Row 11: kfb, kfb, k4

Row 13: kfb, k7

Row 15: kfb, k7, kfb

Row 17: kfb, k10

Row 19: k10, ssk

Row 21: k9, ssk

Row 23: k2tog, k6, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

Cow Spot #2:

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 6 stitches with black yarn. Leave a long tail to stitch the spot to the hat.

Purl all even rows

Row 1: kfb, kfb, k2, kfb, kfb

Row 3: kfb, k8, kfb

Row 5 & 7: knit all stitches

Row 9: k10, ssk

Row 11: k9, ssk

Row 13: k2tog, k8

Row 15: k2tog, k6, kfb

Row 17: kfb, k6, kfb, kfb

Row 19: kfb, kfb, k9, kfb

Row 21: knit all stitches

Row 23: k2tog, k11, ssk

Row 25: k2tog, k2tog, k5, ssk, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

Cow Spot #3:

Using double pointed needles as straight needles, cast on 12 stitches with black yarn. Leave a long tail to stitch the spot to the hat.

Purl all even rows

Row 1: kfb, kfb, k8, kfb, kfb

Row 3: kfb, k15

Row 5: k15, ssk

Row 7: k12, ssk, ssk

Row 9: k2tog, k8, ssk, ssk

Row 11: k2tog, k5, ssk, ssk

Row 13: k2tog, k2tog, ssk, ssk

Bind off and weave in that end.

Use the long cast on tails to stitch the spots to the hat. You can place them wherever you want on the finished cow hat or use my photos for reference!



photo A1 - photo A2



photo B



photo C