

5 Degree Woolly

The Hat

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The 5 Degree Woolly Movement uses up your yarn stash to produce thick, cosy woollies to keep the cold out so you can turn down the heating. Reduce your energy use, keep yarn out of landfill, form a knitting club and join an ethical fashion statement.

Combine your yarns any way you want; if one runs out, join on another one; if your hat changes colour as you knit it, all the better. Every 5 Degree Woolly will look different, but that's all part of the fun. What's important is that they'll keep you nice and warm.

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Instructions are for a small (medium/large) hat. If you get stuck, ask an experienced knitter for help.

You'll need about 200g of mixed yarns and a pair of 15mm straight needles.

My tension square of 10cm x 10cm is made up of 5 stitches and 8 rows.

If yours is different, add or subtracts stitches and rows to make the right size for you.

The sides:

Cast on 24 (28/32) stitches.

Knit 5 (5/6) rows in single rib: knit one, purl one and keep going like that to the end of the row.

Knit 8 (10/12) rows in stocking stitch (knit one row, purl the next row). (Make it longer if you like.)

Decrease to make the crown:

1st row (with the smooth side facing you) Slip one stitch (move it from the left needles to the right without knitting into it). Knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one and off the needle so there's one stitch left on the right hand needle.

(Known in knitting as sl1k1pss0 - slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over.) Keep doing this until you get to the end of the row. You'll have half the stitches you started with.



2nd row (with the knobby side facing you) Purl two stitches together and repeat until you get to the end of the row. If there is one spare stitch at the end, purl that stitch.

3rd row. Sl1k1pss0 and repeat to the end of the row. For the small hat, you're now down to three stitches. Purl all three together, leave a tail of about 70cm of yarn, cut the rest off and tie off by threading the tail through the last stitch. For the medium and large hats you'll come down to four stitches. With the knobby side facing you purl two together twice. Knit the last two stitches together.

With the hat inside out, use the tail to sew up the side seam, darn in and trim off the end. Turn your hat the right way out and put it on. Cosy.