

Bobble hats

★★ In four sizes, you can make these for all the family. Pick toning colours for the ribbing and the main body of the hat. Make the pompoms small or large, in desired colours.

You will need

- Patons Diploma Gold DK:
 - 1 [1: 2: 2] x 50g balls each in **MS** for hat and in **C** for ribbing
 - 1 x 50g ball in extra colour for contrasting pompom (optional)
- Pair each of 3¼mm (US 3) and 4mm (US 6) knitting needles



Tension and finished size

- 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm (US 6) needles.
- To fit 7-10 years [**11-14 years**, lady, **man**].
- Width around head – 46 [**50**, 55, **58**]cm (18 [**19½**, 21½, **23**]in).

To make

With 3¼mm (US 3) needles and C, cast on 101 [**111**, 121, **127**] sts.

Rib row 1 (RS) K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Rib row 2 P1, *k1, p1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib for 10 [**13**, 15, **18**]cm (4 [**5**, 6, **7**]in), ending with RS facing for next row.

Break off C and join in MS.

Change to 4mm (US 6) needles.

Starting with a k row, work in stocking st until Hat meas 15 [**18**, 20, **23**]cm (6 [**7**, 8, **9**]in), ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE CROWN

Row 1 (RS) K8 [**9**, 10, **13**], k2tog, (k8 [**9**, 10, **10**], k2tog) 8 times, k8 [9, 10, 13], k2tog, k1 (91 [101, 111, 117] sts).

Row 2 and every foll alt row Purl.

Row 3 K7 [**8**, 9, **12**], k2tog, (k7 [**8**, 9, **9**], k2tog) 8 times, k7 [8, 9, 12], k2tog, k1 (81 [**91**, 101, **107**] sts).

Row 5 K6 [**7**, 8, **11**], k2tog, (k6 [**7**, 8, **8**], k2tog) 8 times, k6 [7, 8, 11], k2tog, k1 (71 [**81**, 91, **97**] sts).

Row 7 K5 [**6**, 7, **10**], k2tog, (k5 [**6**, 7, **7**], k2tog) 8 times, k5 [6, 7, 10], k2tog, k1 (61 [**71**, 81, **87**] sts).

Row 9 K4 [**5**, 6, **9**], k2tog, (k4 [**5**, 6, **6**], k2tog)

8 times, k4 [5, 6, 9], k2tog, k1 (51 [61, 71, 77] sts).

Row 11 K3 [4, 5, 8], k2tog, (k3 [4, 5, 5], k2tog) 8 times, k3 [4, 5, 8], k2tog, k1 (41 [51, 61, 67] sts).

Row 13 K2 [3, 4, 7], k2tog, (k2 [3, 4, 4], k2tog) 8 times, k2 [3, 4, 7], k2tog, k1 (31 [41, 51, 57] sts).

Row 15 K1 [2, 3, 6], k2tog, (k1 [2, 3, 3], k2tog) 8 times, k1 [2, 3, 6], k2tog, k1 (21 [31, 41, 47] sts).

11-14 years, lady's and men's sizes only:

Row 17 K[1, 2, 5], k2tog, (k[1, 2, 2], k2tog) 8 times, k[1, 2, 5], k2tog, k1 ([21, 31, 37] sts).

Lady's and men's sizes only:

Row 19 K[1, 4], k2tog, (k1, k2tog) 8 times, k[1, 4], k2tog, k1 ([21, 27] sts).

All sizes:

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (K3tog) 0 [0, 0, 3] times, (k2tog) 10 [10, 10, 4] times, (k3tog) 0 [0, 0, 3] times, k1. Break yarn and thread through rem 11 sts. Pull up tight and fasten off securely.

Make up

Press following instructions on ball band. Join back seam, reversing seam for first 5 [6, 7, 8]cm (2 [2½, 3, 3]in) for turn-back. Make a pompom in desired colours. Wind yarn around a piece of cardboard (width of desired pompom) until it is well covered. Slip yarn off cardboard and tie at centre. Cut ends and fluff out pompom. Attach to crown of hat.

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