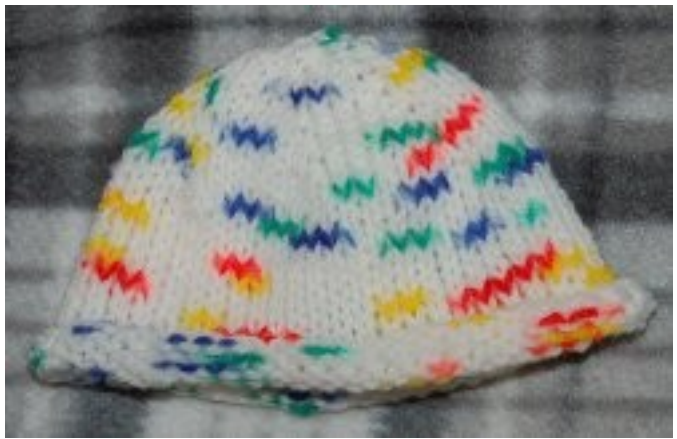


## Simple Hat

This hat lets you use whatever yarn you have on hand with appropriate sized needles. It's simple to do, and once you've cast off your only finishing is weaving in two ends.

Knitters choice for which increase you use after row 1. Choose your favorite, but be consistent. I've used KFB, K into stitch below, and M1. Each worked well.



I've included a couple of variations at the end of the pattern.

### Materials:

- Small amount of yarn, any weight. For babies, should stay at DK or below.
- Set of 4 DPN in size appropriate for yarn.
- Darning needle for weaving in ends.

### Abbreviations:

- KFB – Knit into front and back of next stitch.

### Crown:

Cast on 3 stitches using long tail method. Do not turn work.

**ROW 1:** Slide stitches to other end of needle. Bring working yarn across back and into position to work first stitch. KFB into each stitch. (6 stitches). Do not turn.

**ROW 2:** Slide stitches to other end of needle. Bring working yarn across back and knit across. Do not turn.

**ROW 3:** Using your chosen method, increase into/around next two stitches. (4 stitches on right needle) \*Pick up your next DPN and increase into/around next two stitches. Repeat from \* once more. (4 stitches on each of 3 DPN; 12 stitches total) From here you will work in the round.

**ROW 4** and all remaining even crown rows: Knit.

**ROW 5:** \*K1, increase 1. Repeat from \*.

**ROW 7:** \*K2, increase 1. Repeat from \*.

**ROW 9:** \*K3, increase 1. Repeat from \*.

Continue as established, with one more stitch between increases until you reach desired circumference. Online resources I checked suggested 5.5-11.5 inches was an acceptable range. Our guild direction state hats that would fit a lemon (!! ) up would work.

**Sides:** Once you're at desired circumference, continue to knit in the round to desired length. I tend to just eyeball it, but if you're unsure make it longer than you think it should be.

Bind off loosely and let the brim roll.

## VARIATIONS

### **I-Cord Beginning – Adds a pointy little tip to the hat**

Cast on 2 stitches. Work 2 rounds I-Cord. Increase 1. Work 4-5 rows of 3 stitch I-Cord, then begin with ROW 1 of hat.

### **Bottom Ribbing**

When hat is 1" from desired length, switch to 2x2 rib. In first row of ribbing, decrease approximately 10% of total stitch count. This should keep the hat the same size, but prevent rolling. Your final stitch count will need to be a multiple of 4. Bind off loosely in pattern.

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