

## Blue Mtn. Handcrafts because a fiber addiction is cheaper than bail...

## Mushroom Hat Knitting Pattern



This is a cute little pattern I came up with because I love all the "Happy Mushrooms" my daughter Katie draws and that I've seen elsewhere. The hat is more like a Tam than a traditional hat and looks adorable on small children. It can be made with any number of colors to get wildly colored mushrooms and more realistically colored mushrooms. The hat can be embellished on top with buttons for spots as well as little bug and flower buttons. The pattern is sized for infant to small adult (21').

You will need:
sz 6 DPN Knitting needles (I used 8" needles and had plenty of room)
worsted weight yarn-infant to 2-4 years approx. 1oz. of color $A$ and 1 oz . of color $B$
4 years to small adult approx. 2 oz . for each color $A$ and $B$
6 stitch markers
row counter
buttons if desired
crochet hook for weaving in ends and optional trim on brim
Gauge: $\mathbf{5}$ stitches per inch, $\mathbf{5}$ rows per inch

Stitches:
k-knit
p-purl
I-increase by picking up bar between stitch just worked and next stitch and knit k2tog-knit 2 together

Sizes are: 0-6 months ( $\mathbf{6}$ months to $\mathbf{2}$ years, $\mathbf{2}$ years to $\mathbf{4}$ years, $\mathbf{4}$ years to small adult)
Cast on: over 4 needles $64(72,80,84)$

1. Knit 1 round—place marker to mark beginning or round

2. Knit 9 rounds
3. K2, I ----repeat until end of round, $96(108,120,126)$ stitches
*****While doing increase round place a stitch marker after every $16^{\text {th }}\left(\mathbf{1 8}^{\text {th }}, \mathbf{2 0}^{\text {th }}, 21^{\text {st }}\right)$ stitch, your beginning round marker will now be the appropriate \# of stitches for the hat size being made on the $1^{\text {st }}$ needle-you should use all 6 markers
4. Knit up to the 2 stitches before your marker, k2tog---repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog
5. Knit 1 round
***Switch to color B****
6. Purl 2 rounds
7. Knit 8 rounds
8. Knit to 2 stitches before marker, k2tog—repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog 10. Knit 1 round
9. Repeat \# 9 \& \# 10 3 times ( $0-6 \mathrm{mo}, 6-2 \mathrm{yr}, \mathbf{2 - 4} \mathrm{yr}$ ) 4 times ( 4 yr to small adult)
10. Knit 2 stitches before marker, k2tog-repeat to end of round up to last 2 stitches, k2tog
11. Repeat \# 12 until there are only 6 stitches remaining on needles
12. Clip yarn so there is a $6^{\prime \prime}$ tail and with crochet hook pull through loops on needles. Pull top of hat closed and pull tail to inside of hat. Weave in loose ends.

Optional:
sew on novelty buttons


Optional Edging:
*add single crocheted edging to brim of hat slip stitching at end of round, cut yarn and weave in loose end (green and blue hat edging)
*add crocheted fan edging to brim of hat-2 single crochet, 2 double crochet, repeat to end of round, cut yarn and weave in loose ends. (Orange hat edging)

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