

XOXO x 4 Hat

Materials:

Adult size: With Love by Red Heart or Red Heart Super Saver yarn, 16” circular needle US size 9, double pointed US size 9 needles, stitch marker

Baby size: I Love This Yarn Sport Weight, double pointed needles US size 4

Preemie baby size: sock yarn, double pointed needles US size 2

All sizes: cable needle, tapestry needle



Abbreviations:

C4B – Cable 4 Back = slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at back of work, knit next two stitches from left-hand needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.

C4F – Cable 4 Front = slip next two stitches onto cable needle and hold at front of work, knit next two stitches from left-hand needle, then knit stitches from cable needle.

K – Knit

Kfb – Knit in the front and the back of the next stitch (one stitch becomes 2)

K2tog – knit 2 together

P – Purl

P2tog – Purl 2 together

Rnd – Round

Rnds – Rounds

SSK – slip, slip, knit = Slip two stitches separately to right-hand needle as if to knit. Slip left needle into them from left to right and knit these two stitches together. (left slanting single decrease, 2 stitches become one)

sts – stitches

I wrote this pattern to make chemo caps for women. It fits me, and it fits my four year old granddaughter. It is very stretchy. If you want to make this for a man, I recommend that you start with 28 rnds of ribbing (about 5 inches) instead of only 8 rnds. It looks better on my husband's big head to have this longer ribbing as a folded up brim. I would also recommend the longer ribbing for baby versions.

Cast on 80 sts. Place marker and join for working in the round being careful not to twist.
Rnds 1-8: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end.

Note: *The pattern on rnds 9-44 repeats 4 times around each rnd*

Rnd 9: K2, (Kfb) twice, (K2, P2) 4 times (88sts)

Rnds 10 & 11: *K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 12: C4F, C4B, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnds 13-15: K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 16: C4B, C4F, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnds 17-19: K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 20: C4B, C4F, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnds 21-23: K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 24: C4F, C4B, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnds 25-27: K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 28: C4F, C4B, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnds 29-31: K8, (P2, K2) 3 times, P2

Rnd 32: C4B, C4F, P2, K2, P1, K2tog, SSK, P1, K2, P2 (80sts)

Rnd 33: K8, P2, (K2, P1) twice K2, P2

Rnd 34: K8, P2, K2, K2tog, SSK, K2, P2 (72sts)

Rnd 35: K8, P2, K6, P2

Rnd 36: C4B, C4F, P2, K1, K2tog, SSK, K1, P2 (64sts)

Rnd 37: K8, P2tog, K4, P2tog (56sts)

Rnd 38: K8, P1, K2tog, SSK, P1 (48sts)

Rnd 39: K8, K2tog, SSK (40sts)

Rnd 40: C4F, C4B, K2 Do not knit the very last stitch of this row. Slip it to the beginning needle and use it as the first stitch of row 41.

Rnd 41: SSK, K6, K2tog (32sts)

Rnd 42: SSK, K4, K2tog (24sts)

Rnd 43: SSK, K2, K2tog (16sts)

Rnd 44: SSK, K2tog (8sts)

Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail. Using tapestry needle, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight. Weave in ends. Block if desired.



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