

Olaf Hat

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Inspired by Olaf's Christmas Adventure, here is my tribute to Olaf. Happy knitting!



Abbreviations: K knit
 P purl
 K2tog knit two together

Yarn: If you're pulling yarn from your stash, make sure the weights are the same to ensure a consistent tension and smooth transition between colors. The color schemes for the hats pictured above are as follows, using Loops & Threads Impeccable.

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| Main Color | Teal |
| White | Aran |
| Brown | Soft Taupe |
| Light Blue | Clear Blue |
| Orange | Orange crush |

Needles: #1 4.0 mm (size 6 US) double pointed needles
 #2 4.5 mm (size 7 US) double pointed needles [or size is needed for gauge]
 #3 5.0 mm (size 8.0 US) double pointed needles

To slightly increase or decrease the size of the hat, adjust the size of your needles.

Gauge: Using the #2 (4.5 mm) size needles: 17 stitches and 24 rows makes a 10 cm (3.9 inch) square. Stranding in this hat requires running the unused yarn behind your work. Make sure to keep these runs relaxed, or the hat will be too tight.

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| Size: | 5-12 years | follow instructions for the adult hat and drop the needle size by 2 half sizes |
| | teenager / small adult | follow instructions for the adult hat and drop the needle size by 1 half size |
| | adult (regular/medium) | follow instructions for the adult hat with needle sizes as written |
| | large adult | follow instructions for the adult hat and increase the needle size by 1 half size |

NOTE: The brim of the hat is made with the #1 size needles. Use the #3 size needles for the main part of the hat, and the #2 size needles for the lining. Using a liner helps to hide messy runs, of which this hat has many.

Don't worry if your hat feels a little snug to start, as it relaxes with wear. You can stretch it overnight over a pot if you want it to speed the process.

If you want a double-lined ribbed brim to your hat, then simply knit it twice as long as you want, fold, and sew!

Adult Hat (see size notes above)

Using MC and smaller size needles cast on 96 stitches. Join to work in the round.

Work a K2 P1 rib pattern for 1.5 inches.

Switch to the #3 size needles.

Work Chart 1, changing colors as indicated.

(Knit 10, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (88 stitches)

(Knit 9, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (80 stitches)

(Knit 8, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (72 stitches)

(Knit 7, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (64 stitches)

(Knit 6, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (56 stitches)

(Knit 5, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (48 stitches)

(Knit 4, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (40 stitches)

(Knit 3, K2tog) x 8 times. Knit 1 round. (32 stitches)

(Knit 2, K2tog) x 8 times. (24 stitches)

(Knit 1, K2tog) x 8 times. (16 stitches)

(K2tog) x 8 times. (8 stitches)

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and draw tight.

Sew in all ends and attach a pompom to the top of the hat if desired.

Lining:

Turn your hat inside out and hold it so that the opening of the hat is closest to you. At the bottom edge of the hat you'll see the purl-side of the first row following the trim. Using your preferred color (my preference is to match the main color) and the #2 needles, work one row by picking up 96 stitches in each of the 96 purl loops. Knit in the round (stockinette) until the lining comfortably reaches the end of the Chart 1 stitches. Decrease according to the instructions in your hat.

Cut yarn, thread through remaining stitches and draw tight. Tack the liner and main part of the hat together.

Chart 1 (Adult)

Note: The buttons are optional. I didn't include them in my finished hat because they involve some pretty long runs. Alternatively, you could sew on small black buttons or felt.



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