

## Olaf Hat

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



<b>Abbreviations:</b>	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.

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

<b>Needles:</b>	#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.

<b>Size:</b>	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.

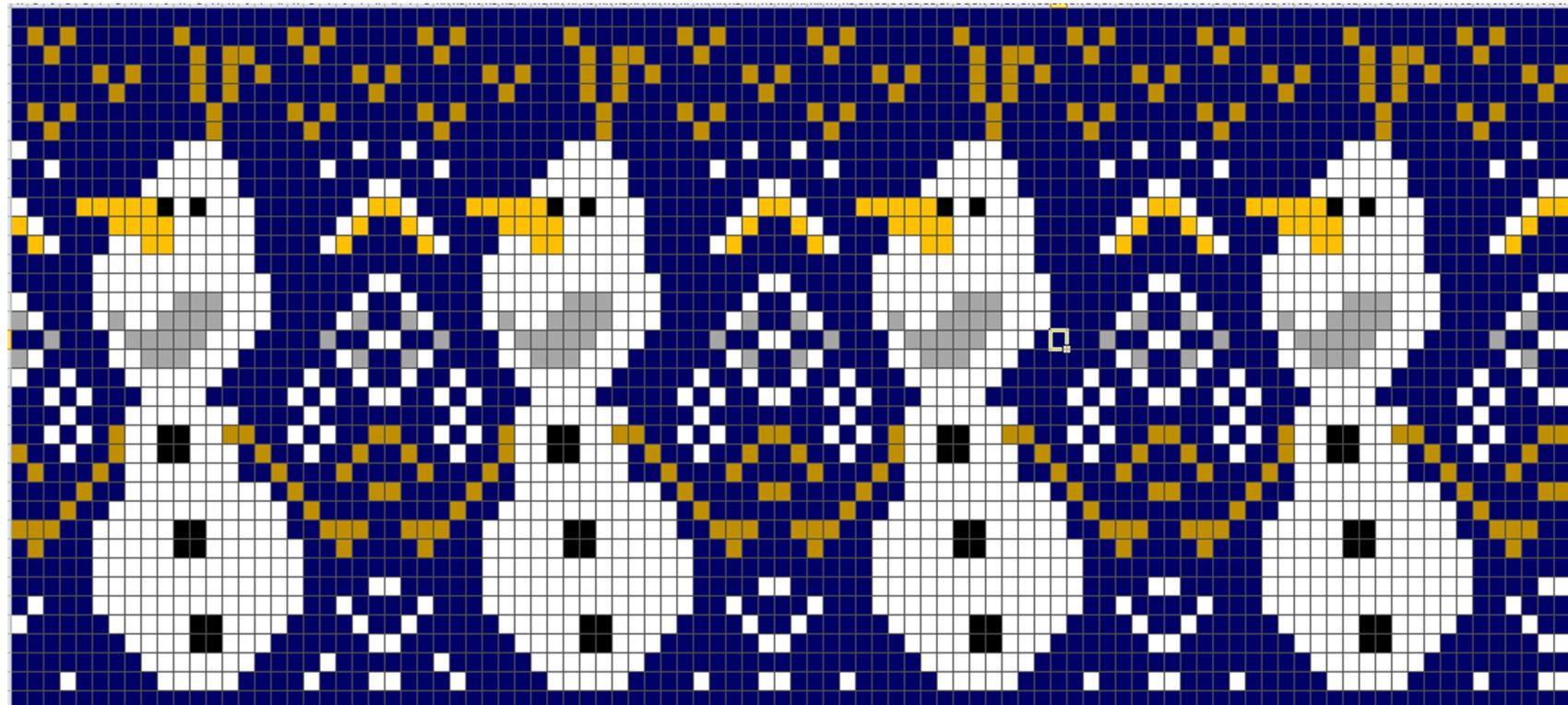
### **Lining:**

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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