

Country Elf Cap

Materials:

- Worsted weight/light worsted, color of choice
- Knitting needles US 7 (4.5mm)
- Yarn needle
- Embellishments (pompoms, buttons), if desired
- Straight pins/steam iron for blocking

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project

Instructions:

Using your preferred method, cast on 40 stitches (sts).

Row 1: Knit 1, purl 1 across.

Row 2: Purl 1, knit 1 across.

Row 3: Knit 2 stitches together (decrease) at beginning of row, knit across, knit 2 sts together at end (38 stitches).

Row 4: Purl 2 stitches together at beginning of row, purl across, purl 2 sts together at end of row.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4, decreasing 1 st each side on each row (2 sts decreased each row) until 2 stitches remain. Bind off.

Knot, trim, and bury yarn ends.

Lightly block with steam iron, pin into shape, and allow to dry.

To assemble cap:

1. With right side facing you, hold cap so the long edge is on the right and point on the left.
2. On the long edge, bring the top point down to meet the bottom point (you are creating a horizontal fold), so the wrong side of the cap is now facing you and the right sides are together. The straight edge will remain on the right and the angled edge on the left.
3. Starting at the left angled edge, stitch down from the point for 1 ½". Knot, trim and bury yarn ends.
4. Turn the cap right side out. The short point will be the top back of the cap, and there will be two flaps on either side.
5. To finish, decorate cap with embellishments like buttons or pompoms.

