



## Swirl Hat

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This is an easy knit hat, with a spiraling pattern (in groups of 3 stitches) that rises up from the ribbing (also in 3), which can be made for babies through adults. To learn more about why “3” is important, read the Knitting4Peace Mission Statement ([www.knitting4peace.org](http://www.knitting4peace.org))

**Yarn:** 25-75 grams of soft yarn, fingering through worsted weight.

**Needles:** US Size 3 (3.25mm) for fingering weight, Size 7 or 8 for worsted. Use circular or DPNs.

### Sizes - to fit head measuring:

Preemie	12”-13”	1-2 yrs.	16”-19”
Newborn	13”-14”	Child	18”-20”
4-12 months	14”=16”	Adult	20”-22”

### Abbreviations:

K:	knit
YO:	loop yarn over your needle, making an extra stitch
K2tog:	place needle through 2 stitches, as if to knit, and knit them together
K3tog:	same as above, knitting 3 stitches together

### Directions:

Numbers of stitches listed are for fingering weight yarn. Use fewer stitches for heavier yarns. Cast on 72 (80, 88, 96, 112, 128) stitches. Join, being careful not to twist.

Knit in ribbing of K3, P1, for  $\frac{3}{4}$  - 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches, or height of ribbing that you like, **starting with K2, P1, then \*K3, P1\* until last stitch, ending with K1**. This is what will match the spiral pattern.

**\*K2, YO, K4, K2tog\*** Repeat rounds until work measures 4.5” (5”, 5.5”, 6”, 6.5”, 7”) from cast-on edge.

### Shaping crown:

Switch to double-pointed needles as needed, if you started with circular needles.

1. \*K2, YO, K3, K3tog\*, repeat. 63 (70, 77, 84, 98, 112) stitches remain.
2. \*K2, YO, K3, K2tog\*, repeat.
3. \*K2, YO, K2, K3tog\*, repeat. 54 (60, 66, 72, 84, 96) stitches remain.
4. \*K2, YO, K2, K2tog\*, repeat.
5. \*K2, YO, K1, K3tog\*, repeat. 45 (50, 55, 60, 70, 80) stitches remain.

6. \*K2, YO, K1, K2tog\*, repeat.
  7. \*K2, YO, K3tog\*, repeat. 36 (40, 44, 48, 56, 64) stitches remain.
  8. \*K2, K2tog\*, repeat. 27 (30, 33, 36, 42, 48) stitches remain.
  9. \*K1, K2tog\*, repeat. 18 (20, 22, 24, 28, 32) stitches remain.
  10. \*K2tog\*, repeat. 9 (10, 11, 12, 14, 16) stitches remain.
- Sizes 1 yr. (96 stitches cast on) and larger:
11. \*K2tog\*, repeat. 9 (10, 11, 6, 7, 8) stitches remain.

Break yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Draw closed, and weave in all ends.

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