

Easter Egg Hats – free knitting pattern

These tiny hats will make an unforgettable decoration to your Easter celebration as well as a cute Easter gift for your loved ones.

It's also a great way to use up yarn ends, and to have some knitting fun while trying out Armenian way of carrying yarn at the back of the work.



MATERIALS



Yarn – [Knitca Delight yarn](#), 100% superwash merino wool, 150m / 164yds in a 50g / 1.7oz ball: use a bright colour as a main colour and white as a contrasting colour. For each hat you will need about 10m / 11yds of yarn.

Needles – [3.25mm \(US3\) double pointed needles](#)

Notions – [wool needle, stitch marker](#), for making pompom – two cardboard circles 3 cm (1.25") in diameter with inner hole 1 cm (3/8") in diameter.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference – 14cm / 5.5"

Length (without pompom) – 5cm / 2"

GAUGE

26 stitches and 32 rounds = 4" / 10cm in stockinette stitch

NOTE

The hat is worked in the round using Armenian technique of carrying yarns at the back of the work – twist main and contrasting colour yarns at the back of the work after each stitch. Make sure to twist yarns in the same direction after each stitch in one round.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

SSK – slip one stitch as if to knit, slip next stitch as if to knit, put these 2 stitches back on the left needle and knit them together through the back loop

INSTRUCTIONS

1. With main colour cast on 33 stitches, divide all stitches between 4 needles (8, 8, 8 and 9 stitches), then join stitches for working in the round by knitting first and last stitches together. Now you have 32 stitches on 4 needles. Place a stitch marker at the place of join to mark the beginning of the round.

2. Work 4 rounds in garter stitch:

Round 1: knit all stitches

Round 2: purl all stitches

Round 3: knit all stitches

Round 4: purl all stitches

3. Attach contrasting colour and work in colour pattern in stockinette stitch as follows:

Rounds 5–8: [knit 4 stitches with white, knit 4 stitches with main colour], repeat brackets to the end of the round

Rounds 9–12: [knit 4 stitches with main colour, knit 4 stitches with white], repeat brackets to the end of the round

Round 13: [with white – knit 1 stitch, SSK, knit 1 stitch; with main colour – knit 1 stitch, SSK, knit 1 stitch], repeat brackets to the end of the round

Rounds 14–15: [knit 3 stitches with white, knit 3 stitches with main colour], repeat brackets to the end of the round

Round 16: [with main colour – knit 1 stitch, SSK; with white – knit 1 stitch, SSK], repeat brackets to the end of the round

Round 17: [knit 2 stitches with main colour, knit 2 stitches with white], repeat brackets to the end of the round

4. Cut the yarn leaving a 10cm / 4" tail. Thread the yarn tail into a wool needle and draw it through remaining 16 stitches. Pull tight and secure the yarn.

5. With main colour yarn make a pompom 3cm (1.25") in diameter and attach it to the top of the hat.

6. Weave in loose ends.