

RAINBOW LADDERS HAT

A Slipped Stitch Cap Knitting Pattern by Holly Beemer

at yarn's length



SIZING

child: 20-25" circumference,
7" from brim to crown
adult: 20-25" circumference,
8.5" from brim to crown

MATERIALS

YARN

70-80 yards of [Bernat Softee](#)
Chunky yarn in [Schoolyard](#)

NEEDLES

US #13/9.00 mm dpn

NOTIONS

[finishing needle](#)
[stitch markers](#)

GAUGE

10 sts x 14 rows = 4" x 4"
in Stockinette stitch

This vibrant cap does not require working with bobbins. The ladder effect is created by slipping stitches rather than catching floats. It's easy to keep your tension consistent as you watch the colors climb!

PATTERN

This hat is worked in the round from the brim to the crown using oversize needles. The pattern is written for variegated yarn. If you are changing yarns to change colors, do so *every 4 rounds*. Do not count the cast-on as a round.

ABBREVIATIONS

BO - bind off
CO - cast on
k - knit
k2tog - knit 2 stitches together; single right-leaning decrease
p - purl
PM - place marker
sl - slip
ssk - slip 2 stitches knitwise, knit these 2 stitches together through back loops; single left-leaning decrease
st(s) - stitch(es)

SETUP

CO 44 sts, PM, and join for working in the round, taking care not to twist.

As you work, slip the marker at the end of each round.

BRIM

Work 8 rounds of 2x2 ribbing (*k2, p2*).

BODY

These four rounds form the body:

1 and 2 - *sl1, k3*
3 and 4 - k all

Repeat these rows until hat measures 6"/7.5" (child/adult) from the cast-on edge or 1" shy of desired length.

CROWN SHAPING

1 - *sl1, k1, ssk* [33 sts]
2 - *sl1, k2tog* [22 sts]
3 - k all
4 - *k2tog* [11 sts]

Snip yarn, draw through remaining stitches, and secure.

FINISHING

Create pompom and attach to crown.
Weave in ends. Block lightly, if desired.



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