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# SAGE HAT

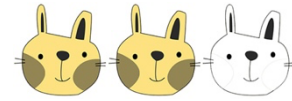
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## KNITTING PATTERN



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Skill level: intermediate

**Sizes: baby/1-2-yo/3-5-yo/6-10-year-old**

To fit head

17" (43 cm)/19" (48 cm)/20" (51 cm)/21" (53 cm)

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### MATERIALS

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Worsted (9 wpi) yarn such as Grignasco Loden about 100-150g or 240-360 yards in two colors (1/3 CC and 2/3 MC)

Double pointed knitting needles US 6 (4 mm) or to obtain gauge 4" x 4" = 20 sts x 34 rows (in garter stitch)

12" or 16" long circular knitting needles in the same size as your double pointed needles

2 stitch holders or 1 extra needle

Tapestry needle, removable marker

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### ABBREVIATIONS

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St(s) – stitches

RS and WS – right and wrong side

K – knit

P – purl

Kfb – knit in front and back of stitch

K2tog – knit two stitches together

Ssk – slip slip knit

MC – main color yarn

CC – contrast color yarn

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## PATTERN NOTES

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The negative ease of the hat is about 2" (4 cm)

The hat is worked in the round, you can use circular needles and change to double pointed when you need to

You start the hat from top edge of the outer cowl working top down. If you wish to make the balaclava without the top and bottom cowl, move straight to # and cast on the shown amount of sts instead picking up

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## THE PATTERN (MOSS OR SEED STITCH)

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**Round or Row 1 (RS):** \*k1, p1\*, repeat from \*-\* all around/across

**Round or Row 2:** work each st opposite as it faces to you that is knit the purl and purl the knit stitches

Repeat Round/Row 2

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## THE HAT

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### Top cowl part

Cast on with MC (pink) 76/86/90/96 sts (baby/1-2-yo/3-5-yo/6-10-year-old and follow the given number throughout the pattern), join working in the round making sure there is no twist.

**Round 1:** \*k1, p1\* all around

Repeat Round 1 until the cowl measures 2.5/3/4.5/4.5" (that is 6/8/11/11 cm) from the cast on row. You continue with the bottom part of the cowl.

Mark the next round with a removable marker – you will measure the length of the cowl from here.

**Round 1:** knit all sts

**Round 2:** \*k4, kfb\* all around, knit the last 1/1/0/1 st

**Round 3:** purl all sts

**Round 4:** knit all sts

**Round 5:** purl all sts

**Round 6:** \*k5, kfb\* all around, knit the last 1/1/0/1 st

**Round 7:** purl all sts

**Round 8:** knit all sts

**Round 9:** purl all sts

**Round 10:** \*k5, kfb\* all around, knit the last 1/1/0/1 st

Continue in garter stitch working 3 plain rounds between increase rounds and each increase round working 1 st more before kfb.

Knit until the cowl measures about 1/1.5/3/3" (that is 2.5/4/8/8 cm) from the marker, feel free to add length to the cowl so it would cover the shoulders more (do not remove the marker!). Work the 3 last rows with CC in the same pattern, bind off all sts.

### Hat part

Turn the cowl WS facing, find the round you marked with marker. # Now pick up (you can start where the round started) each stitch from that round that is 76/86/90/96 sts. You can remove the marker now.



Picture 1: picking up sts for the hat

Continue with MC yarn. Place the piece so that it is RS facing and the last row of the cowl is pointing to your lap so you'd be knitting out from the cowl like on the picture above. Continue in the round.

**Round 1:** \*k1, p1\* all around





Picture 2: working the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the cowl, make sure the inner cowl will be behind the outer cowl.

Change to CC and repeat Round 1 until the piece measures 1.5/2/3.5/3.5" (that is 4/5/9/9 cm) from the pick-up row, change to MC and continue few rounds more until it measures 2.5/3/4.5/4.5" (that is 6/8/11/11 cm).

Next row turn and knit 47/53/56/59 st, place a removable marker, you will measure the hat from here. Slip the remaining 29/33/34/37 sts on a spare needle or stitch holder for the face ribbing.

Continue working back and forth in garter stitch knitting the next row, work 5 rows more (6 total) on the 47/53/56/59 sts. After finishing the last row, continue in the round and casting on new sts over the opening.



Picture 2: slip sts on a sts holder or spare needle

If you are advanced knitter, you can use scrap length of waste yarn and do a provisional cast on. You can use any

cast on method you prefer (I used long tail) and later pick up sts for the face ribbing.

Cast on 29/33/34/37 sts over the opening and purl the remaining sts of this round. Knit in the round in garter stitch on all 76/86/90/96 sts until the hat measures from the marker 3.2/3.5/3.4/3.7" (that is 8/9/8.5/10 cm), adjust so that next would be knit round.

**Decrease Round 1:** \*k 10/12/13/14, k2tog\* all around, k last 4/2/0/0 sts (70/80/84/90 sts)

**Next and Every Alternate Round:** purl all sts

**Decrease Round 3:** \*k 9/11/12/13, k2tog\* all around, k last 4/2/0/0 sts

**Decrease Round 5:** \*k 8/10/11/12, k2tog\* all around, k last 4/2/0/0 sts

Continue decreasing in the same manner working one plain round between the decrease rounds till you get to the following:

**Decrease Round:** \*k 3, k2tog\* all around

**Next Round:** \*k2tog\* all around

Repeat the last round once again, cut the yarn, pull it through the remaining sts and fasten.

### Face ribbing

Slip the bottom 29/33/34/37 sts on a needle and pick up 3 sts on both sides (6 sts total) and 29/33/34/37 sts from the top edge of the opening. You will have 64/72/74/80 sts total on your needles.

Continue in the round with CC.

**Round 1:** \*k1, p1\* all around

Repeat Round 1, 5 times more.

Bind off all sts. Press/steam the balaclava hat (follow your yarn instructions!). You can decorate the hat with a tassel. I made a 4" (10 cm) long tassel with MC and attached it to 3.5" (9 cm) long braid.