Bulky Waffle Hat

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Materials

Yarn: Cascade 128 or any bulky-weight yarn, approx. 120135 yds *OR* worsted-weight yarn, 2 balls, 120-135 yds of *each* ball of worsted-weight yarn

Needles: US10/6mm 16" circular needle and double pointed needles [*See pattern note.*]

Gauge: Gauge is not critical; finished hats from 18" to 22" will find a cold head to keep warm

Other materials: stitch marker

Sizes: Child, (Small-Adult, Medium-Adult, Large Adult/slouchy version)

Abbreviations: CO: Cast on; **K:** knit; **K2tog**: knit 2 sts together; **P**: purl; **Sts:** stitches

Pattern Notes: If using worsted weight yarn, use two strands together. There is no need to do the brim on smaller needles unless you want a very snug brim.

Waffle Pattern: Rows 1 & 2: Knit.
Row 3 & 4: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end of round.

DIRECTIONS

With bulky-weight yarn *or* 2 strands of worsted weight yarn held together, CO 64 (68, 72, 76) stitches. Join and mark beginning of round.
Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 2".
Work Waffle Pattern Rows 1 – 4 until piece measures 6.5" (7", 7.5", 8") from CO edge; end having worked row 4 of pattern.

Shape Crown
For Child and Medium-Adult sizes only: Row 1: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * around.
Row 2: *K5, k2tog; repeat from * around.
Rows 3 & 4: K2, P2; *K4, P2; repeat from * to last 2 sts; K1, P1.
Row 5: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * around.
Row 6: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * around.
Rows 7 & 8: K2, P1; *K3, P1; repeat from * around to last 5 sts; K3, P2.
Row 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.

Row 10: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around.
Row 11: *K2tog; repeat from * around. Fasten off and sew in ends.

For Small-Adult and Large-Adult sizes only:
Row 1: *K6, K2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts; K4.
Row 2: *K5, K2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts; K4.
Rows 3 & 4: K2, P2; *K4, P2; repeat from * around.
Row 5: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts; K4.
Row 6: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * to last 4 sts; K4.
Rows 7 & 8: K2, P1; *K3, P1; repeat from * to last 5 sts; K3, P2.
Row 9: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around.
Row 10: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around.
Row 11: *K2tog; repeat from * around.

Fasten off and sew in end