

Tinfoil Hat

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The perfect hat for that special someone. Hat has a helmet shape and is knit from the bottom up.

Sizes

Women's Medium (Men's Medium)

Materials

NEEDLES

- United States 8, 16" circular
- United States 8, set of double pointed

YARN

Approximately 100(140) yards of worsted weight (or equivalent) yarn in silver-color metallic. The more reflective, the more effective against you-know-what and you-know-whom.

NOTE: Instead of one strand of worsted weight, try two or three strands of thinner yarns, as needed to achieve the correct color and texture (and gauge). Sample in photos uses one strand of Lion Brand Vanna's Glamour (Color: Platinum) and one strand of Skacel Karat (Color: 02 Silver Metallic). Try to use an uncontaminated domestic yarn, preferably one that you harvested yourself and has always been under your control.

Gauge

4.5 stitches/inch in stockinette

Instructions

1. Lower edge

Using circular needle, cast on 112(128) stitches. Join yarn, and work four rounds in garter stitch:

Round 1: Purl around, and place marker at end of round

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

2. Foil corners

Work the following two rounds three times (six rounds total):

Round 1: [K5(6), Slip 1, K2tog, PSSO, K5(6), M1-R, K1, M1-L] around. With each repeat, two stitches are decreased, and two stitches are added.

Round 2: Knit until one stitch remains. Remove marker and place it here. This is the new end of round.



3. Ridge

Round 1:

Size Women's: [P5, P2tog] around. 16 stitches decreased. 96 stitches total.

Size Men's: [P3, P2tog, P4, P2tog, P3, P2tog] around.

24 stitches decreased. 104 stitches total.

Round 2: Knit

Round 3: Purl

Round 4: Knit

4. Body

Repeat the following two rounds for about 4 inches:

Round 1: [P1, K11(12)] around

Round 2: Knit

5. Foil folds

Round 1: [P1, K11(12)] around

Round 2: [K10(11), K2tog] around. 8 stitches decreased.

88(96) stitches total.

Round 3: [P1, K10(11)] around

Round 4: [K9(10), K2tog] around. 8 stitches decreased. 80(88) stitches total.

Round 5: [P1, K9(10)] around



Continue as established, decreasing 8 stitches every other round, until 16 stitches remain. Switch to double-pointed needles when necessary. The last round worked should be a non-decrease round.

6. Finishing

K2tog around. 8 stitches total. Break yarn, leaving a tail. Thread tail through the 8 stitches, and pull to close the hole. Work in ends. Place hat on head, and hide under desk with lights out.



LEGEND

K - Knit

K2tog - Knit 2 together

M1-L - Make 1 left-slanting stitch

M1-R - Make 1 right-slanting stitch

P - Purl

P2tog - Purl 2 together

PSSO - Pass slipped stitch over (i.e., pass the slipped stitch over the stitch you just knitted, off the needle, thereby decreasing a stitch)