



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## Bashful Bear Hat

*This cute take on the earflap hat is fun to wear, and perfect for encouraging a child to wear a hat when it's cold outside. Knit with easy-care yarn, it will last through machine washing and drying.*

### What you will need:

**RED HEART® Super Saver®:**  
1 skein each 360 Café Latte A,  
365 Coffee B, 334 Buff C, 316 Soft  
White D.

**1 Set Susan Bates® Double  
Pointed Needles:** 4.5 mm [US 7]

Small amount of Polyester Fiberfill  
2 - ½" [12.5 mm] brown wooden  
beads

Stitch marker, stitch holders, yarn  
needle.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24  
rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette  
Stitch. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use  
any size needle to obtain the  
gauge.



**RED HEART® Super  
Saver®, Art. E300**  
available in solid color  
7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m);  
multicolor, heather and print 5 oz  
(141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz  
(141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Directions to fit a 4-year-old child

Finished head circumference: 20" [51 cm]

### SPECIAL STITCHES

**K2tog** = Knit 2 stitches together. Insert the right needle into two stitches at the same time and knit. This will result in a decrease of one stitch. This decrease will slant to the right.

### EAR FLAPS (make 2)

Using **B**, cast on 2 sts.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Knit.

**Row 2: (Wrong Side):** Knit, increasing 1 st in each st — 4 sts

**Row 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** Increase 1 st, k to last st, increase 1 stitch — 6 sts.

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat Rows 3-4 two times more — 10 sts.

**Rows 9-14:** Knit.

**Next Row:** Do not bind off, place earflaps on stitch holders.

### HAT BAND

Using **B**, work and divide stitches evenly over 3 double pointed needle as follows: With first needle, cast on 12 sts. Knit first earflap sts from stitch holder. With 2nd needle, Cast on 24 sts. With 3rd needle, knit second earflap sts from stitch holder. Cast on 12 sts — 68 sts. Join being careful not to twist sts and place marker for beginning of round.

**Round 1:** Purl around.

**Rounds 2:** Knit around.

Repeat Rounds 1-2 three times more.

**Next Round:** Purl, increasing 12 sts evenly spaced across Round — 80 sts.

Change to **A** and knit all Rounds until piece measures 5" [13 cm] from cast on edge.

### SHAPE CROWN

**Round 1:** (dec) \*K8, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 72 sts.

**Round 2, 4, 6, 8:** Knit.

**Round 3:** (dec) \*K7, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 64 sts.

**Round 5:** (dec) \*K6, k2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 56 sts.

**Round 7:** (dec) \*K5, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 48 sts.

**Round 9:** \*K4, K2tog\*; repeat from \* Around — 40 sts.

**Round 10:** \*K3, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 32 sts.

**Round 11:** \*K2, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 24 sts.

**Round 12:** \*K1, K2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 16 sts.

**Round 13:** \*K2tog\*; repeat from \* around — 8 sts.

Cut yarn leaving a 12" [30 cm] tail. Thread yarn through yarn needle and draw through remaining 8 sts twice. Draw up firmly; fasten securely.

### EARS (make 4)

Using **B**, cast on 10 sts.

**Rows 1-6:** Beginning with a wrong side row, work in Stockinette st.

**Row 7:** Purl.

**Row 8:** K2tog, K6, K2tog.

**Row 9:** Purl.

**Next Row:** Bind off all sts leaving a 12" [30 cm] tail.

With wrong sides facing, using yarn needle, sew two ear pieces together.

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## MUZZLE

Using **C**, cast on 15 sts.

**Rows 1-20:** Work in Stockinette st.

**Next Row:** Bind off all sts leaving a 12" [30 cm] tail.

Thread yarn through yarn needle and weave tail in and out of sts around all sides of Muzzle piece creating an oval "pocket". Stuff pocket lightly with Polyester Fiberfill, pull sts closed and fasten securely.

## EYES (make 2)

Using **D**, cast on 8 sts.

**Rows 1-8:** Work in Stockinette st.

**Next Row:** Bind off all sts leaving a 12" [30 cm] tail.

Thread yarn through yarn needle and weave tail in and out of sts around all sides of Eye piece inserting wooden bead before pulling sts closed around bead. Fasten off securely.

## NOSE

Using **B**, cast on 2 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2:** Increase 1 st in each st — 4 sts.

**Row 3:** Increase 1 st, k2, increase 1 st — 6 sts.

**Row 4:** Increase 1 st, k4, increase 1 st — 8 sts.

**Next Row:** Bind off all sts leaving a 12" [30 cm] tail.

## FINISHING

Thread yarn through yarn needle and sew ears to top of hat referring to photo for placement. Sew Muzzle to center front of hat placing just above hat band and halfway between Ear Flaps. Sew Eyes to top of Muzzle securing eyes to both the Muzzle and the hat. Using color **B**, sew a spot onto each Eye and stitch a Mouth onto the Muzzle. Sew Nose to Muzzle above Mouth.

Cut two 48" [122 cm] long strands each of **A**, **B**, and **C**. Holding all 6 strands together, tie a knot at one end. Braid entire length holding both strands of same color yarn together. Tie a knot in the end. Cut braid in half and tie a knot on each cut end. Using **B**, and yarn needle, secure each braid to the inside end of each Ear Flap.

Weave in all ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**Colors:** Café Latte **A**, Coffee **B**, Buff **C**, Soft White **D**; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together, **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

