



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™: 1 ball Linen Stripe 7930

Susan Bates® Circular Knitting Needles: 6.5mm [US 10½] 16" (40.6 cm)

Susan Bates® Double Pointed Needles: 6.5mm [US 10½]

Stitch marker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 12 rounds = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE**. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.



RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™, Art. E857

available in 4 oz (113 g), 110 yd (101 m) balls



Striping Messy Bun Hat

We can't get enough of the messy bun hat!
This version knits up fast in self-striping Soft Essentials.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for size Large are in parentheses.

To fit head circumference: 20 (22)"
[51 (56) cm]

HAT

Cast on 72 (80) sts. Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts. Place st marker for beginning of round.

Round 1: *K2, P2; repeat from * around. Repeat Round 1 until work measures 1½" (4 cm).

Next round: Work in St st (knit around). Continue working in St st until work measures 4½" (11 cm).

Shape Crown

As number of stitches decreases, and work is too small for circular needle, change to double-pointed needles

Round 1: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * around — 54 (60) sts.

Round 2: Knit around.

Round 3: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * around — 36 (40) sts. Bind off.

FINISHING

With yarn needle, weave in all loose ends.

Abbreviations

k = knit; **k2tog** = knit the next 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters, **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.



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