Easy-Fit Ribbed Hat

Your first hat or just an easy project? This one is perfect either way. It’s great to make for everyone in the family or it’s an ideal charity project.

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Hat measures 18 inches around (slightly stretched).

Fits most adults.

Red Heart® With Love™: 1 skein 1252 Mango.

Knitting Needles: 6mm [US 10].

Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in ribbing, slightly stretched. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

HAT
Cast on 70 sts.
Row 1 (Wrong Side): *Purl 2, knit 2; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2.
Row 2 (Right Side): *Knit 2, purl 2; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until work measures 10 inches from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Crown
Row 1 (Right Side): *Knit 2, purl 2 together (decrease 1 stitch); repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2 – 53 stitches.
Row 2 (Wrong Side): *Purl 2, knit 1; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, purl 2.
Row 3: *Knit 2, purl 1; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2.
Row 4: Repeat Row 2.
Next Row: *Knit 2 together, purl 1; repeat from * to last 2 stitches, knit 2 – 36 stitches.
Next Row: Purl, *knit 1, purl 1; repeat from * to end.
Next Row: *Knit 2 together; repeat from * to end – 18 stitches.
Next Row: Purl.
Last Row: *Knit 2 together; repeat from * to end – 9 sts.
Cut yarn leaving a long end for seaming.

Weave yarn through remaining stitches; gather stitches up firmly and secure. Sew the back seam. Starting about 3 inches from the bottom, sew the seam on the reverse side, as this will be turned up for the brim.

Red Heart® With Love™, Art. E400, available in solid color 7oz (198g), 390 yd (357m) and multi color 5oz (141g), 230 yd (211m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: mm = millimeters; st(s) = stitch (es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.