

# ROSS

a knitted hat in 4 yarn weights

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Ross is my simple beanie style hat that I love to knit and wear all the time. Over the years I've knitted many of these hats and have been asked how to knit them in different yarn weights. Finally I've sat down and figured out the hats in fingering weight, dk weight, worsted weight and bulky weight yarns. I like my hats to have a snug but comfortable fit. These hats are meant to fit comfortably on an adult male head with a circumference of 22 inches.

## Tools Needed

16 inch (40 cm) circular needle and a set of Double Pointed Needles (DPN) in the same size

A yarn needle to weave in your ends

8 stitch markers (I like to have one different than the rest to easily identify the start of the round)

A tape measure/ruler to measure your hat as you knit

## Yarn Needed

1 Super Fine (Fingering Weight) - 50 grams (Approximately 200 yds)

3 Light (DK Weight) - 50 grams (Approximately 150 yds)

4 Medium (Worsted Weight) - 60 grams (Approximately 110 yds)

5 Bulky (Chunky Weight) - 70 grams (Approximately 80 yds)





Needle Size: US 3 (3.25 mm)

Cast on 130 stitches with your preferred cast on method. I like to use the long tail cast on.

Join in the round and make sure stitches are not twisted.

Place marker at the beginning of the round.

For the ribbing of the hat I like to do a knit 3, purl 2 (K3,P2) rib. I do this until the ribbing measures approximately 1-1/2 to 2 inches from the cast on edge.

For the first round of the body I decrease 2 stitches in the first round after the ribbing. I knit together (K2tog) the first 2 stitches of the round. I then knit 63 stitches (K63) and then knit together (K2tog) the next 2 stitches. I then knit the rest of the stitches in the round. This will give you 128 stitches on your needles.

Now you knit all stitches until the hat measures approximately 6 inches from the cast on edge. This will include the ribbing and the stockinette portion of the hat.

Decrease setup round.

Knit 14 stitches, K2Tog, Place Marker (PM). Repeat the K14, K2Tog, PM to the end of the round.

The next round you will knit all stitches and slip the stitch markers as you come to them.

DR1 - Knit until 2 stitches before marker, K2Tog, Slip marker. Repeat to end of the round.

DR2 - Knit all stitches

Repeat DR1 and DR2 until you have 8 stitches left between the stitch markers.

At this point you will need to switch to DPNs

Repeat DR1 until you have 3 stitches left between the markers.

Final round K1, K2tog, remove marker. Repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving yourself at least a 6 inch tail. Use a yarn needle and run tail through remaining stitches on the needles. Remove needles and pull tail tight to close stitches and weave in the tail on the inside of the hat.



Needle Size: US 6 (4 mm)

Cast on 105 stitches with your preferred cast on method. I like to use the long tail cast on.

Join in the round and make sure stitches are not twisted.

Place marker at the beginning of the round.

For the ribbing of the hat I like to do a knit 3, purl 2 (K3,P2) rib. I do this until the ribbing measures approximately 1-1/2 to 2 inches from the cast on edge.

Now you knit all stitches until the hat measures approximately 6 inches from the cast on edge. This will include the ribbing and the stockinette portion of the hat.

Decrease setup round.

Knit 13 stitches, K2Tog, Place Marker (PM). Repeat the K13, K2Tog, PM to the end of the round.

The next round you will knit all stitches and slip the stitch markers as you come to them.

DR1 - Knit until 2 stitches before marker, K2Tog, Slip marker. Repeat to end of the round.

DR2 - Knit all stitches

Repeat DR1 and DR2 until you have 8 stitches left between the stitch markers.

At this point you will need to switch to DPNs

Repeat DR1 until you have 3 stitches left between the markers.

Final round K1, K2tog, remove marker. Repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving yourself at least a 6 inch tail. Use a yarn needle and run tail through remaining stitches on the needles. Remove needles and pull tail tight to close stitches and weave in the tail on the inside of the hat.



Needle Size: US 8 (5 mm)

Cast on 80 stitches with your preferred cast on method. I like to use the long tail cast on.

Join in the round and make sure stitches are not twisted.

Place marker at the beginning of the round.

For the ribbing of the hat I like to do a knit 3, purl 2 (K3,P2) rib. I do this until the ribbing measures approximately 1-1/2 to 2 inches from the cast on edge.

Now you knit all the stitches until the hat measures approximately 6 inches from the cast on edge. This will include the ribbing and the stockinette portion of the hat.

Decrease setup round.

Knit 14 stitches, K2Tog, Place Marker (PM). Repeat the K14, K2Tog, PM to the end of the round.

The next round you will knit all stitches and slip the stitch markers as you come to them.

DR1 - Knit until 2 stitches before marker, K2Tog, Slip marker. Repeat to end of the round.

DR2 - Knit all stitches

Repeat DR1 and DR2 until you have 8 stitches left between the stitch markers.

At this point you will need to switch to DPNs

Repeat DR1 until you have 3 stitches left between the markers.

Final round K1, K2tog, remove marker. Repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving yourself at least a 6 inch tail. Use a yarn needle and run tail through remaining stitches on the needles. Remove needles and pull tail tight to close stitches and weave in the tail on the inside of the hat.



Needle Size: US 11 (8 mm)

Cast on 56 stitches with your preferred cast on method. I like to use the long tail cast on.

Join in the round and make sure stitches are not twisted.

Place marker at the beginning of the round.

For the ribbing of the hat I like to do a knit 3, purl 1 (K3,P1) rib. I do this until the ribbing measures approximately 1-1/2 to 2 inches from the cast on edge.

For the first round of the body I decrease 1 stitch in the first round after the ribbing. I knit together (K2tog) the first 2 stitches of the round. I then knit the rest of the stitches in the round. This will give you 55 stitches on your needles.

Now you knit all the stitches until the hat measures approximately 6 inch from the cast on edge. This will include the ribbing and the stockinette portion of the hat.

Decrease setup round.

Knit 9 stitches, K2Tog, Place Marker (PM). Repeat the K9, K2Tog, PM to the end of the round.

The next round you will knit all stitches and slip the stitch markers as you get to them.

DR1 - Knit until 2 stitches before marker, K2Tog, Slip marker. Repeat to end of the round.

DR2 - Knit all stitches

Repeat DR1 and DR2 until you have 6 stitches left between the stitch markers.

At this point you will need to switch to DPNs

Repeat DR1 until you have 3 stitches left between the markers.

Final round K1, K2tog, remove marker. Repeat to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving yourself at least a 6 inch tail. Use a yarn needle and run tail through remaining stitches on the needles. Remove needles and pull tail tight to close stitches and weave in the tail on the inside of the hat.