

hat

Cont in garter stitch stripes for 6 more rnds, working 2 rnds CC, 2 rnds MC, and 2 rnds CC. Change to MC and work in St st in the rnd (knit all sts every rnd) until hat meas 3½ (4, 4½)" (9 [10, 11.5] cm) from sts CO for base of hat.

crown

Shape crown of hat as foll:

Rnd 1: K4 (0, 4), *k8, k2tog; rep from * to last 4 (0, 4) sts, end k4 (0, 4)—44 (45, 53) sts.

Rnd 2: Knit 1 rnd even.

Rnd 3: K4 (0, 4), *k7, k2tog; rep from * to last 4 (0, 4) sts, end k4 (0, 4)—40 (40, 48) sts.

Rnd 4: Knit 1 rnd even.

Rnd 5: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end—35 (35, 42) sts.

Rnd 6: Knit 1 rnd even.

Rnd 7: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end—30 (30, 36) sts.

Rnd 8: Knit 1 rnd even.

For largest size *only*, work 1 rnd as foll: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end; then work 1 rnd even—30 sts rem for all sizes.

On the next rnd, work k2tog all the way around—15 sts. Work 1 rnd even. On the next rnd, work as foll: K2tog 7 times, k1—8 sts.

top knot

Work rem 8 sts in the rnd until the extension meas about 5" (12.5 cm) from last k2tog rnd. CO all sts. Weave in end to WS of hat. Tie the extension in an overhand knot, as shown in photograph.

ties (make 2)

Cut six strands of MC, each 64" (162.5 cm) long. Thread three strands on yarn needle and pass the needle through the lower CO point of one earflap. Pull the ends of the strands even so their halfway point is at the earflap, and you have six 32" (81.5-cm) lengths hanging down from the flap to work with. Remove the needle. Braid the ends, using two strands for each element of the braid, until about 4" (10 cm) of the strands rem, or desired length. Tie the ends in an overhand knot and trim them even. Repeat for other tie. Weave in all ends on WS.