

Sample knitted troop cap patterns

No Brim. Use 100 percent worsted wool yarn.
Dark colors: olive, black, tan, camo, navy etc. (Some military units prefer black.)

Ellen's Knit Hat

For Straight Needles:

On size 7 or 8 needles, cast on 80 sts. (If you knit tightly, you may add more stitches in multiples of 8)

Work in K1P1 or K2P2 ribbing for 1.5-2 inches.

Then work in stockinette stitch (K1 row, P1 row) until total length is 8 inches.

Begin decreases:

Row 1: K6, K2 tog across row.

Next row and all even rows Purl.

Next row K5, K2 tog across.

Repeat having one less stitch before K2 tog on each odd row. When you have 8 stitches, cut yarn and weave through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Sew seam.

For Circular Needles:

Cast on 80 sts. (If you knit tightly you may add more stitches in multiples of 8)

Work in ribbing of K1P1 or K2P2 for 1.5-2" Then knit all rounds until piece measures 8".

Begin decreases by K6, K2 tog.

Knit next round

Continue having 1 less stitch before decreases. Switch to dpns when needed and finish off by drawing yarn through last 8 sts.

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Dorothy's Hat Pattern

Here is an easy crochet pattern for a cap to fit under a helmet. It is big enough around, close fitting, and brimless. Use 4 ply, single strand yarn and H hook.

Each row ends with Ch 2 with the Ch 2 counting as 1 dc.

Start 5 ch and form loop and Ch 2.

Row 1: 11 dc in loop makes (12)

Row 2: 2 dc in each dc makes (24)

Row 3: Increase dc each 2nd dc makes (36)

Row 4: 1 dc in each dc makes (36)

Row 5: Increase 1 dc every 3rd dc makes (48)

Row 6: 1 dc in each dc makes (48)

Row 7: Increase 1 dc each 4th dc makes (60)

Row 8: 1 dc in each dc makes (60)

Row 9: Increase 1 dc every 5th dc makes (72)

Row 10: 1 dc in each dc makes (72)

Now measure circumference. It should be close to 21" before stretching which is good. If you need another inch or so, space out stitches in next row. Continue the last row till cap measures 7 to 7 1/2 inches from crown to brim edge, usually 14-15 rows, depending on thickness of yarn.

Then ch 1 and sc in each dc around. I do 3 or 4 rows of this sc in each sc. Cap will then give ear protection as well. Finished cap should measure, crown to brim 7 3/4 to 8 1/2 inches.

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