

Sally's hat

Approx. 250 yards worsted weight

Size 6 circulars 2 pairs or one size 6 and one any size smaller.

Size 6 dpns, if you have a second set of 5's it is helpful, you can alternate their use on the lining. You won't notice the size difference if you alternate the needles.

1 ¼ yds boning, if you can only get lite buy twice as much and double it up, or go to your local hardware store and buy a 48 inch electrical tie strap. Instead of using the closure on the strap use waterproof tape to make the right size circle.

Using Emily Ocker's Beginning, which you can find here

http://www.spellingtuesday.com/circular_co.html

, cast on 8 stitches in a circular cast on. Place a marker between each stitch.

Top

Row 1 knit in front and back of each stitch (16 stitches)

Row 2 knit in front and back of first stitch after marker then knit 1, continue through all markers

Row 3 knit all stitches

Continue with rows 2 AND 3 until top measures 6 1/2 inches, ending with a knit row.

Slip a second circular needle (B) into knit stitches, bypassing all markers picking up only the stitches. Any circular needle the same size or smaller can be used.

Purl 6 rows letting the second circular (B) stay in the knit row you slipped it in to.

Make a circle with boning that is 6 ½ inches in diameter or whatever your top size is. Enclose the boning circlet when doing the following step.

With the right side facing hold the (B) circular needle behind the working stitches. Knit one stitch from the front needle with one stitch from the back (B) needle together. Knit all stitches this way. A tube will be formed. Continue to slip markers.

Crown

Knit 3 inches.

You can knit a pattern here, stripes, whatever. Just keep slipping those markers you need them for the brim.

Slip second circular needles (B) into knit stitches bypassing markers and picking up only the stitches, just let the needles hang.

Brim

Row 1 k

Row 2 turn work so wrong side is facing, slip 1st stitch from left needle to right needle wrap yarn around and slip stitch back. You will knit brim so that purl side is facing out.

Row 3 k5 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 4 k

Row 5 k9 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 6 k

Row 7 k1 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 8 k

Row 9 k6 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 10 k

Row 11 k13 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 12 k

Row 13 k17 kfb k to m, repeat to end

Row 14 k

Row 15 -Row 18 k

Row 19 repeat rows 1-13 decreasing with a ktog instead of increasing with kfb

Turn work so right side is facing, slip 1st stitch from left needle to right needle wrap yarn around and slip stitch back.

Now is a good time to weave in any loose ends.

Make a circle with boning that 10 inches in diameter, check the fit and adjust if needed. Be careful not to stretch the brim too much, it will distort the fit of the crown.

Enclose this circlet in the following step.

Hold the (B) circular needle behind the working stitches. Knit one stitch from the front needle with one stitch from the back (B) needle together. Knit all stitches this way.

Lining

Knit 3 inches. I found it easier to knit the first 3 rows of the lining with dpns.

Use tail to attach lining to top of crown.

Please feel free to help make this pattern better; it is my first attempt at a knitting pattern.