

LOVE CAPS PATTERNS

Crochet Cap

Materials: 3-1/2 oz. Worsted weight acrylic yarn
Crochet hook size E for small cap, size I for large cap, or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge: Small hook: 4 sc = 1 inch
Large hook: 7 sc = 2 inches

Instructions: Work in back loop only throughout. Ch 46.
Row 1: turn; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 45 sc.
Row 2: Sc in each of the next 40 sc; sk last 5 sc; ch 1; turn.
Row 3: Sc in each of the next 40 sc; ch 1; turn.
Row 4: Sc in each of the next 45 sc (working in 5 sc left unworked in row 2); ch1; turn.
Row 5: Sc in each of the next 45 sc; ch 1; turn.
Repeat rows 2 – 5 until piece measures about 17" at the widest end.

Finishing: Fold in half and sl st across last row completed and first row, carefully matching stitches. Break yarn leaving 8" length. Thread yarn onto needle, weave through sts at top of cap and draw tightly. Finish off. If desired, make a 3" pompon and attach to top of children's caps securing with a button on the wrong side.



Knitted Cap

Materials: 3 oz. Worsted weight acrylic yarn
No. 8 needles or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge: 6 st = 1 inch, 11 rows = 2 inches

Instructions: Sizes are for children (women, men)
Cast on 72 (80, 84) stitches

Row 1: *K1, P1. Repeat from * across. Repeat this row for rib pattern until piece measures 9 (10, 11) inches. (This pattern may be varied with any other pattern such as K2, P2.)

Top Shaping: Row 1: *K2, K2 tog. Repeat from * across.
Row 2: P across.
Row 3: *K1, K2 tog. Repeat from * across.
Row 4: P across.
Rows 5 & 6: Repeat rows 3 and 4.
Row 7: *K2 tog. Repeat from * across.
Row 8: P across.

Finishing: Break off yarn leaving a 16" length. Using blunt needle, thread yarn through all the remaining stitches and pull up tightly. Secure with a few stitches, then sew edges together for back seam. You may add a pompon to children's caps.

Hint: For a snug-fitting cap, knit the cuff of the cap (first 5,6,6 inches) with needles that are two sizes smaller than the needles that give you the correct gauge. Then switch to the larger needles for the crown. If you don't have smaller needles, cast on four fewer stitches than the pattern indicates for the cuff. In the first row after the first 5(6,6) inches, increase four stitches spaced evenly across the work. Then continue as usual.

Lap Robes

Materials: Use 100% acrylic or other washable yarn in any color or combination of coordinating colors.

Size: Lap robes should be 36" x 36" or larger. MIFA cannot use lap robes smaller than 36" x 36"

Instructions: Knit or crochet in any stitch pattern. Avoid patterns that are excessively lacy, as they do not make as warm a robe as do patterns with a denser stitch.