



Patterns from Don Halstead

BOYBAND KUFISTYLED CAP

DESCRIPTION

This pattern creates a Kufi-styled cap with a slightly open mesh pattern, and is designed to fall just above the ears. You can easily experiment with color alternatives or stripes. Substituting materials (for example, wool rather than cotton) should be tested for sizing and appearance.

KNITTING PATTERN

16" #6 Circular Needle, #6 Double-Pointed Needles, gauged for dorothée bis 100% mercerized cotton. You shouldn't need more than one skein/ball of your choice of color yarn.

This pattern is sized for a medium/large sized Kufi-styled cap.

1. Cast on* 66 STS for Small/Medium (72 STS for Medium/Large)
* *Hatternique Tip*: Casting onto a smaller straight needle, a #2 or #4, and knitting or purling your first round onto the circular needles will yield a tighter, neater edge. Be careful not to twist stitches and place a marker before the first round.
2. Round 1: Purl
Round 2: *K2tog, YO, K1*, repeat to end of round
Round 3: Purl
Round 4: *YO, K1, K2tog*, repeat to end of round

Rounds 5 - 12 (5 - 16) Repeat rounds 1 through 4 until desired length to crown is reached.



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DECREASING (ALL SIZES)

Switch over to double point needles.

Decrease Rounds:

Round 1: Purl and Dec every 8th ST, repeat to end of round

Round 2: *K2tog, YO, K1*, repeat to end of round

Round 3: Purl and Dec every 7th ST, repeat to end of round

Round 4: *YO, K1, K2tog*, repeat to end of round

Round 5: Purl and Dec every 6th ST, repeat to end of round

Round 6: *K2tog, K2tog, YO, K1*, repeat to end of round

Round 7: Purl and Dec every other ST, repeat to end of round

Continue decreasing in this manner until 6 sts remain. Leave a 12" tail. Draw through remaining loops and pull tight.

FINISHING

Work in all loose threads on the inside of the lowcap using a yarn needle.