

# *Free Halloween Witch Hat Knitting Pattern For Handspun Yarn*

Adult Size Hand Knit Hat



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Handspun yarn lends itself perfectly to this slouchy witch hat pattern. I used about 60 yards of my bulky corespun art yarn for this fast-knit project.

## **Materials:**

- Size US 13 circular and double pointed needles (DPNs)
- Approx 60-70 yards of bulky thick and thin yarn

- 20 or similar gauge wire
- Stitch markers or contrasting yarn scraps (optional)

This is knit in the round using a stockinette stitch starting with the outer edge of the brim and working inwards. I used circular needles until I reached the narrow point and switched to DPNs. Decreases use a k2tog stitch.

**Finished Size:**

14 inches wide x 22 inches long (excluding tail)

**Gauge:** 6 sts/6 rows = 4 inches in stockinette stitch

**Abbreviations:**

k2tog = knit two together

k = knit

st = stitch

*Brim*

Cast on about 64 stitches (I used a long tail cast on of about 80 inches or roughly 3x the circumference needed for the brim's outer edge.)

**Row 1:**

Place a stitch marker and k one round. Make sure not to twist your stitches.

Rounds 2-8: Continue knitting. Decrease randomly 2 or 3 times per row using k2tog until you reach about 32 stitches left on your needles (about 6-8 rows or 3-4 inches). If you want a wider brim you can add more rows. Decreasing randomly will make the shape slumpy/wavy.

You can place a removable stitch marker or piece of contrasting scrap yarn where you decrease so you can track them.

## *Head*

Row 1: Start when you have about 32 st on your needles (for a medium size hat). I used 34 st and it is a bit loose/large size.

Knit in the round for about 15 rounds or 6-7 inches.

## *Point*

Start tapering off the point.

K 2 rows while decreasing using k2tog on the last 2 st of each row. You can place a stitch marker to keep track of your decreases.

K 1 row decreasing halfway through the row (about 16 st) using k2tog st. Place another stitch marker.

Repeat previous row decreasing on the previous k2tog st.

K 1 row  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way across the round (6 or 7 stitches) and k2tog. Place a stitch marker.

Repeat previous row decreasing on the previous k2tog st.

You should now have about 26-28 stitches left on your needles.

You can switch to double pointed needles if needed.

K 1 row  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way across the round (about 21 stitches) and k2tog.

Place a stitch marker.

Repeat previous row decreasing on the previous k2tog st.

K 4 rows.

K2tog the 1st 2 stitches in the row and place a stitch marker.

Repeat previous row decreasing on the previous k2tog st.

Knit 1 row decreasing 1-2 times per row randomly until you get down to three stitches on the needles.

Then stitch an i-cord for about 5 rows or about 4 inches and bind off.

Pull the end through the last loop to fasten it. Leave the tail of yarn or attach a pom pom etc.

Add wire to brim by weaving in and out around the outer edge.