

Green Ogre Hat

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I wanted to make an ogre hat SO badly, but alas, there was no pattern out there for me. I'm an adventurous knitter- I wasn't afraid- so I came up with a formula to make my own! This is a simple roll brim hat with "ogre" ears attached.

Disclaimer: This is my first pattern, if there are errors, please feel free to let me know, but I reserve the right not to care. I'm an 'organic' knitter and sometimes I make adjustments and corrections as I go and don't bother to write them down. I'm also not perfect and therefore, neither is my knitting. If you are a perfectionist, I suggest writing a pattern based on mine that will suit your own yarn/ gauge/ head.

US 6 Double Pointed Needles (or small circular)

Booger-Green Light worsted wt. yarn, 150-ish yards(?) see- I told you, I write nothing down!

Gauge: 12 sts x 12 rows= 3" in St st

Size S (M, L) or a diameter of about 18"(21", 23") – I'm not a real scientist on sizing, be sure to swatch your yarn (worsted works fine too) for your personal gauge. Ideally, you can measure the circumference of the person's head and figure out a pattern based on mine to achieve the perfect size for their melon. I find 18" (21" and 23" easiest "standard" sizes for me) also remember that rolled brims are forgiving in sizing (since they roll up, duh!)

CO 72 (84, 90) sts. Join and knit in the round (be careful not to twist), until hat measures 3.5" (5", 6") from cast on edge.

Begin crown decreases:

Row 1: Knit 10 sts (12, 13), K2Tog (repeat to the end of round)

Round 2: Knit one row even

Repeat these two rows knitting one fewer number of stitches before each K2Tog as follows: 11, 10, 9...to 1 st.)

Next Row: K2Tog all the way around. You should have 6 sts left. Break yarn leaving a 6" tail and draw through remaining sts. Weave in end.

"Ears": Using double points, Pick up 6 sts. in a little circle on the side of the hat (around where you started decreasing) knit around and around until your little 'tube' measures 1"- 1 1/2" (or whatever ogre-sized ear floats your boat.)

Next Round (increase) K1, M1 all the way around. You now have 12 sts. BO *loosely*. Repeat on opposite side. Weave in all ends and growl like an ogre.