

## **BASIC CHILD'S HAT – Knit “flat”**

Materials required: approximately 100m worsted weight yarn and 4.5mm – 5.0mm needles. Gauge is not critical, but if work seems loose and “airy”, use a smaller needle. Pattern written for sizes: toddler (small child, youth)

Cast on 72(80, 88) stitches. Work headband section in 2x2 rib (K2, P2) for 1"(1", 1½"). Change to stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) and work until total length is 4½"(5",6").

Decrease for crown:

**Row 1:** \*K6, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 63 (70, 77) stitches remaining.

**Row 2 and every even row:** purl all stitches across row.

**Row 3:** \*K5, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 54 (60, 66) stitches remaining.

**Row 5:** \*K4, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 45 (50, 55) stitches remaining.

**Row 7:** \*K3, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 36 (40, 44) stitches remaining.

**Row 9:** \*K2, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 27 (30, 33) stitches remaining.

**Row 11:** \*K1, K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 18 (20, 22) stitches remaining.

**Row 13:** \*K2tog\* repeat from \* to \* across row. 9 (10, 11) stitches remaining.

Cut an 8” tail and thread it onto a wool needle. Thread the remaining stitches on knitting needle onto yarn and pull tight. Turn hat inside out and weave tail into back side of hat. Use mattress stitch to seam up the open side of the hat.