

Child's Self-Striping Hat



- Sizes: Child's XS (S,M,L,XL)
Yarn: **1** or **2** balls Adriafil KNITCOL self-striping yarn, 125 m per 50 gm ball
Gauge: 5 st/in
Needles: Size 6 (US), 4mm 16" circular needle (or size needed to achieve gauge) plus Size 6 double-pointed needles (DPNs)
Notions: Tapestry needle and stitch marker

Choose your needle size based on the recommended gauge of 5 stitches per inch; you might need to go up or down a needle size depending on your gauge. If you would prefer, you can also knit your hat exclusively on DPNs.

Cast on **88 (96,104,112,120)** stitches on circular needle and join to knit in the round, making sure that your stitches aren't twisted. Place marker and knit 2" of K2, P2 ribbing. Begin stockinette stitch (knitting every round) and knit until your hat measures 5.25" (5.5", 5.5", 6", 6") from the cast on edge before beginning crown decreases:

- Round 1: K6, K2tog; repeat to end of round (rep to EOR)
Round 2: Knit around
Round 3: K5, K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 4: Knit around
Round 5: K4, K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 6: Knit around
Round 7: K3, K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 8: Knit around
Round 9: K2, K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 10: Knit around
Round 11: K1, K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 12: Knit around
Round 13: K2tog; rep to EOR
Round 14: Knit around

Cut a 12" length of yarn and thread a tapestry needle. Weave yarn through the remaining stitches and tug gently to close the opening. Poke the needle through a nearby stitch to the underside of the hat and weave in ends; cut yarn. If needed, wash hat according to guidelines on the ball band and lay flat to dry.

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To make this a more generic hat pattern, you can refer to the charts below and use this pattern to knit hats in different gauges with a variety of yarns:

Cast-on #		Hat Circumference
72	4	18.0
80	4	20.0
88	4	22.0
96	4	24.0
104	4	26.0

Cast-on #		Hat Circumference
72	4.5	16.0
80	4.5	17.8
88	4.5	19.6
96	4.5	21.3
104	4.5	23.1

Cast-on #		Hat Circumference
72	5.5	13.1
80	5.5	14.5
88	5.5	16.0
96	5.5	17.5
104	5.5	18.9
112	5.5	20.4
120	5.5	21.8
128	5.5	23.3