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I-Cord Earflap Hat Knitting Pattern



Materials:

- Yarn: Approximately 50 yards of bulky (5) weight yarn for smaller sizes and approx. 100 yards for larger sizes. (I used Loops and Threads – Charisma) Approx. 5-10 yards of an accent color bulky (5) yarn.
- Knitting Needles: Size 6.0 mm (US 10) Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) and Straight Needles
- Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- K2tog: Knit two stitches together
- P2tog: Purl two stitches together
- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Gauge:

7 sts and 11 rows = 2 inches (5 centimeters) in stockinette stitch
It is important to check your gauge!

Average Head Circumference:

Newborn: 13-14"
0-3 Months: 14-15"
3-6 Months: 14-17"
6-12 Months: 16-19"
1-3 Years: 18-20"
3-10 Years: 19-20.5"
Pre-teen/Teen: 20.5-22"
Adult Woman: 21.5 – 22.5"
Adult Man: 23-24"

Newborn Pattern

Cast on 45 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 3.75" long

Decreases:

Round 1: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 11 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-9: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 10: K2tog, K7, K2tog (9 total sts)

Row 11: P2tog, P5, P2tog (7 total sts)

Row 12: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 total sts)

Row 13: P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 3 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 12 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 11 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-13 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

0-3 Month Pattern

Cast on 49 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 4" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K10, K2tog, K11, K2tog, K10, K2tog, K10 (45 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 11 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-9: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 10: K2tog, K7, K2tog (9 total sts)

Row 11: P2tog, P5, P2tog (7 total sts)

Row 12: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 total sts)

Row 13: P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 3 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 14 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 11 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-13 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

3-6 Month Pattern

Cast on 52 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 4.25" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K24, K2tog, K24 (50 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 12 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-11: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 12: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)

Row 13: P2tog, P6, P2tog (8 total sts)

Row 14: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)

Row 15: P2tog, P2, P2tog (4 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 4 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 14 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 12 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-15 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

6-12 Month Pattern

Cast on 58 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 4.75" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K17, K2tog, K18, K2tog, K17 (55 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 13 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-11: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 12: K2tog, K9, K2tog (11 total sts)

Row 13: P2tog, P7, P2tog (9 total sts)

Row 14: K2tog, K5, K2tog (7 total sts)

Row 15: P2tog, P3, P2tog (5 total sts)

Row 16: K2tog, K1, K2tog (3 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 3 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 17 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 13 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-16 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

1-3 Year Pattern

Cast on 62 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 5" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K29, K2tog, K29 (60 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (55 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 11: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 14 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 14: K2tog, K10, K2tog (12 total sts)

Row 15: P2tog, P8, P2tog (10 total sts)

Row 16: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)

Row 17: P2tog, P4, P2tog (6 total sts)

Row 18: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 4 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 17 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 14 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-18 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

3-10 Year Pattern

Cast on 65 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 5.5" long

Decreases:

Round 1: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (60 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (55 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 11: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 14 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 14: K2tog, K10, K2tog (12 total sts)

Row 15: P2tog, P8, P2tog (10 total sts)

Row 16: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)

Row 17: P2tog, P4, P2tog (6 total sts)

Row 18: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)

Make a 4 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 4 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 19 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 14 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purred side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-18 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

Pre-teen/Teen Pattern

Cast on 69 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 5.75" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K15, K2tog, K16, K2tog, K15, K2tog, K15 (65 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (60 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (55 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 11: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 12: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 15 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-15: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 16: K2tog, K11, K2tog (13 total sts)

Row 17: P2tog, P9, P2tog (11 total sts)

Row 18: K2tog, K7, K2tog (9 total sts)

Row 19: P2tog, P5, P2tog (7 total sts)

Row 20: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 total sts)

Row 21: P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 total sts)

Make a 5 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 3 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 20 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 15 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-21 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

Adult Woman Pattern

Cast on 73 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 6.5" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K22, K2tog, K23, K2tog, K22 (70 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K12* Repeat around (65 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (60 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (55 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 11: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 12: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 13: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 15 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-15: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 16: K2tog, K11, K2tog (13 total sts)

Row 17: P2tog, P9, P2tog (11 total sts)

Row 18: K2tog, K7, K2tog (9 total sts)

Row 19: P2tog, P5, P2tog (7 total sts)

Row 20: K2tog, K3, K2tog (5 total sts)

Row 21: P2tog, P1, P2tog (3 total sts)

Make a 5 inch knitted I-Cord using your last 3 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-cord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 22 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 15 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-21 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

Adult Man Pattern

Cast on 77 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) with main hat color
Join in the round and place stitch marker

Rounds 1-3: Knit

Drop main hat color (Do not cut) and pick up accent color

Rounds 4 & 5: Knit

Cut accent color and pick main color back up

Continue to knit each round until your piece is approx. 6.75" long

Decreases:

Round 1: K2tog, K36, K2tog, K37 (75 total sts)

Round 2: *K2tog, K13* Repeat around (70 total sts)

Round 3: *K2tog, K12* Repeat around (65 total sts)

Round 4: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (60 total sts)

Round 5: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (55 total sts)

Round 6: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (50 total sts)

Round 7: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (45 total sts)

Round 8: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (40 total sts)

Round 9: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (35 total sts)

Round 10: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (30 total sts)

Round 11: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (25 total sts)

Round 12: *K2tog, K3* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Round 13: *K2tog, K2* Repeat around (15 total sts)

Round 14: *K2tog, K1* Repeat around (10 total sts)

Do not bind off. Cut approx. 7 inch tail. Using yarn needle, remove all sts from DPNs or magic loop, as if to purl. Pull tail through sts to cinch the top of hat. Using yarn needle, pull tail through to the inside of the hat. Tie a knot and weave in ends.

Pick up 16 consecutive sts on the side of the hat onto your straight needles. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps.

Rows 1-15: Alternate between purling and knitting each row, purling row 1

Row 16: K2tog, K12, K2tog (14 total sts)

Row 17: P2tog, P10, P2tog (12 total sts)

Row 18: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)

Row 19: P2tog, P6, P2tog (8 total sts)

Row 20: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)

Row 21: P2tog, P2, P2tog (4 total sts)

Make a 5 inch knitted I-Chord using your last 4 sts. Bind off, cut yarn, and weave in ends. Tie your I-chord into a double knot directly at the base of the earflap.

Skip 23 sts for the front of the hat, and pick up another 16 consecutive sts on the other side of the hat for the second earflap. Pick these stitches up from the outside (knit side) of the hat to the inside (purl side) to create a smooth transition into the earflaps. Repeat Rows 1-21 and the instructions for the I-Cord.

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