

HELMETLINER

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Though we all have differing opinions about war, we're not conflicted about feelings for our soldiers - who stand up for our country everyday. Knitting for our Troops is a great way to say how much we care for our service men and women.

FINISHED SIZE

one size fits most

SKILL

Ambitious beginner

GAUGE

4.5 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch

TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE TO ENSURE HELMETLINER FITS PROPERLY

YARN

175 yds superwash wool

Only 100% soft wool yarn will be accepted, because our ground forces are not allowed to wear synthetic fibers. Wool is inherently non-flammable and won't melt against the skin in the event of an accident and is warm even when wet.

(shown in Cascade 220 - black)

Only black, charcoal, brown, tan, gray or combinations of these colors are allowed by our Armed Forces

NEEDLES

5mm/US 8 16" circular needle,
5mm/US 8 Double-point needles
4mm/US 6 16" circular needle

PATTERN STITCH

K2 P2 Ribbing

Round 1: *K2 sts, P2 sts: repeat from * to end of round.
Repeat round 1.

Stockinette Stitch

Round 1: Knit all stitches
Repeat round 1

NECK RIBBING

With smaller circular needle, cast on 84 stitches loosely. Place marker and join in round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Work in K2, p2 ribbing for 6 inches.

With larger circular needle, work 32 stitches in k2, p2 ribbing. Leave smaller

circular needle in the remaining 52 stitches. (The smaller circular needle will work as a stitch holder)

CAP

Cast on 59 additional stitches on the larger circular needle. Place marker and join in round. (91 sts) Work in stockinette stitch for 4".



CAP SHAPING

Round 1: *Knit 11, Knit 2 together; repeat from * to end of round. (84 sts)

Round 2: Knit all sts.

Round 3: *K10, K2 together; repeat from * to end. (77 sts)

Round 4: Knit all sts.

Change to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Round 5: *K9, k2tog; repeat from * to end. (70 sts)

Round 6: Knit all sts.

Round 7: *K8, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (63 sts)

Round 8: Knit all sts.

Round 9: *K7, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (56 sts)

Round 10: Knit all sts.

Round 11: *K6, k2tog; repeat from * to

end of round. (49 sts)

Round 12: Knit all sts.

Round 13: *K5, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (42 sts)

Round 14: Knit all sts.

Round 15: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (35 sts)

Round 16: Knit all sts.

Round 17: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (28 sts)

Round 18: Knit all sts.

Round 19: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (21 sts)

Round 20: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (14 sts)

Round 21: *k2tog; repeat from * to end of round. (7 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving 8-9" tail. Thread on a yarn needle and insert through remaining stitches, one at a time, removing knitting needle as you go. Pull tight to close the top. Weave in the end.

FACE RIBBING

With the smaller circular needle that is still in neck portion, pick up 1 stitch in each of the the 59 stitches that you cast on when starting the cap portion. Increase 1 stitch, so you now have a total of 112 stitches. Join in the round and work k2 p2 ribbing for 1 inch. On last row of ribbing, decrease 4 stitches by purl 2 together in 4 locations around the face.

FINISHING

Bind off loosely. Weave in ends.

Once you've completed your project, please place in a one-gallon zip-lock plastic bag and include the yarn wrapper - or - a piece of paper listing the following:

Fiber content:

Washing instructions:

Drop off the hat at The Studio

ABBREVIATIONS

beg -begin/beginning

BO - bind off

CC - contrasting color

CO - cast on

dec - decrease

inc - increase

k or K - knit

k2tog - knit 2 sts together

MI - make 1

MC - main color

p or P - purl

pm - place marker

rep - repeat(s)

RS - right side/public side

sl - slip

ssk - slip, slip, knit 2

together through the back

loop

st(s) - stitch(es)

st st - stockinette stitch

tbl - through the back loop

WS - wrong side

YO - yarn over