

# COOL BEANIE: Making Hats with Scraps

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## Materials

### Yarn

Worsted Weight, about 65-75 yds for each color used. If using single multicolor yarn, about 110-165 yds) total.

### Needles

16" circular and dpns, US 4/3.5 mm for very loose knitters to US 7/4.5 mm for very tight knitters.

### Gauge

Gauge is not critical; finished hats from 18" to 22" will find a cold head to keep warm

**Abbreviations:** **K:** knit; **K2tog:** knit 2 sts together; **P:** purl; **Sts:** stitches; [...] repeat enclosed instructions as specified.

*Guild member Sally Schaefer has shared her Cool Beanie hat design for adaptation for MKG Community Projects. The hats look great and make use of leftover yarn in two or three colors.*

*This is a simple pattern that creates a stretchy one-size hat that fits a variety of ages.*

*Use her pattern below or try this concept of alternating two or three colors with another hat pattern, such as the Rib-a-Roni.*

## DIRECTIONS

With darker color (Color A), cast on 90 sts; join to work in the round, being careful stitches are not twisted, place a marker.

NOTE: When picking up a new color from the previous round, "twist" the new color around the previous color to prevent a hole at the beginning of the new round. See YouTube Resources below.

Round 1: With Color A, [K2, P1] around. Drop A.

Round 2: With Color B, [K2, P1] around. Drop B.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, alternating colors as indicated, for 5-1/2 to 6 inches.

### Shape the Crown

Round 1: [K13, k2tog] 6 times. — 84 sts

Round 2: [K12, k2tog] 6 times. — 78 sts

Continue decreasing in this manner, switching to double-pointed needles as needed, until 12 sts remain.

## Finishing

Thread yarn through the remaining stitches and fasten securely. Weave in all ends.

### THREE-COLOR BEANIE

Follow pattern as written but using three colors instead of two. Alternate each color in each new round, carrying unused colors up at the beginning of a new round. As each color is carried up, twist it around the previous knit colors – both the other color being carried up and the next color to be knit.

**YouTube Resources:** For information on carrying the yarns up through the hat, see <https://youtu.be/HPGFrDqQR8Q>. This video is on the Knit Purl Hunter channel, with the title "Carrying Yarn in Circular Knitting". For information on joining yarn in circular knitting, see [https://youtu.be/N\\_DkcdKhHgk](https://youtu.be/N_DkcdKhHgk). This video is on the Howcast channel, with the title "How to Join Yarn | Circular Knitting". There may be other good YouTube videos on these techniques, but these will get you started.



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