**CAT IN A HAT**

**By Ros Clarke**

**Disclaimer: this hat is not for cats.**

**Putting your cat in a hat is entirely at your own risk.**

**Gauge**:  22 stitches and 30 rows to 4 inches/10cm in stocking stitch.

**Materials**: 4mm straight needles (or size needed to get the correct gauge)

DK yarn as follows:

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Baby | Toddler | Child | Adult | Large adult |
| Yarn required | 25g | 50g | 75g | 100g | 150g |
| To fit head circumference | 16-18” | 18-20” | 20-22” | 22-24” | 24-26” |



**Abbreviations and chart symbols:**

K: knit Sl 2 to cable needle in front of

P: purl work, k2, k2 from cable needle.

Sl: slip

🞏 K on right side, p on wrong side Sl 2 to cable needle behind work,

• P on right side, k on wrong side k2, k2 from cable needle.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. SIDE SECTIONS** (make two)

Cast on 14 (16, 20, 24, 28) stitches

Row 1: P

Rows 2 and 3: K

Repeat these 3 rows until you have completed 45(51, 57, 63, 69) rows in total.

Ear row 1: P9 (11, 13, 16, 19). Turn.

Ear row 2: K4 (6, 6, 8, 10). Turn.

Ear row 3: K to end.

Repeat ear rows 1 to 3 once more. Cast off.

**2. CENTRAL CABLED SECTION**

Cast on 22 (26, 30, 34, 38) stitches.

Using the chart as indicated in the directions below, continue until work measures approximately 10 (12, 14, 15, 16) inches in length, ending on row 3 or row 9. Cast off.

***Baby, toddler, child sizes: use smaller chart***

Baby size:

Odd rows: sl1, [smaller chart], p1

Even rows: sl1, [smaller chart], k1

Toddler size:

Odd rows: sl1, p2, [smaller chart], p2, k1

Even rows: sl1, k2, [smaller chart], k3

Child size:

Odd rows: sl1, p1, k2, p1, [smaller chart], p1, k2, p1, k1

Even rows: sl1, k1, p2, k1, [smaller chart], k1, p2, k2

***Adult and large sizes: use larger chart***

Adult size:

Odd rows: sl1, [larger chart], k1

Even rows: sl1, [larger chart], k1

Large size:

Odd rows: sl1, p2, [larger chart], p2, k1

Even rows: sl1, k2, [larger chart], k3

SMALLER CHART

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 12 |
| • |  | | | | • | • |  | | | | • | • |  |  |  | | | | • | • |  | | | | • | • |  | | | | • | 11 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 10 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 9 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 8 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 7 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 6 |
| • |  | | | | • | • |  | | | | • | • |  | | | |  |  | • | • |  | | | | • | • |  | | | | • | 5 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 4 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 3 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 2 |
| • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | • |  |  |  |  | • | 1 |
| 32 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |  |

LARGER CHART

**3. MAKING UP**

You now have two side pieces and a central cabled section:



Fold the central cabled section in half and sew the side sections to it. Weave in all ends.

Fold each side section in half and sew the top ear seam:



Wear and enjoy your ears!

This design has been kindly donated to Médecins Sans Frontières/ Doctors Without Borders (MSF) as part of the p/hop project. p/hop = pennies per hour of pleasure. Please feel free to use this pattern and donate what you think it was worth to you to MSF.

MSF is an independent humanitarian medical aid organisation, committed to providing medical aid wherever it is needed, regardless of race, religion, politics or gender. We currently work in over 60 countries helping victims of war, natural disasters, disease epidemics and those who simply have no access to even basic healthcare. For more info, please visit **www.msf.org.uk**

To donate and find out more about p/hop, please visit the p/hop blog at

**www.p-hop.co.uk**

**Thank you for supporting MSF!**

 ****