



Fuzzy-on-the-Inside Double-Knit Hat

Materials:

- A: 1 ball bulky (very-bulky) yarn, approximately 140 yds. More may be required if you desire a large fold-up brim.
- B: 1 ball eyelash novelty yarn, approximately 75 yds
- Size 10 knitting needles, either a 16" circular, 2 circulars any length, or double pointed needles – whatever the knitter prefers for knitting in the round.
- 1 stitch marker

Size: One size fits most

Gauge: Not critical, but approx. 14 sts/4"

Finished Measurements:

Techniques: See "Double Knitting Is Fun!" flyer (published at the end of this pattern.)

Pattern:

Note: Instructions are given using Method 1 from "Double Knitting Is Fun!" Numbers in parentheses are for very bulky yarn.

Cast on 96(64) stitches in A (or using preferred double-knitting cast-on.) Join to work in the round and place marker. For next row and all following rows: *Knit 1 in A with both yarns in back, purl 1 in B with

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both yarns in front. Repeat from *.

Continue knitting until hat measures approximately 8-10 inches long.

Begin decreases:

Row 1: *K2tog A, P2tog B. Repeat from *. Note that you will knit an A and B stitch together and purl and A and B stitch together to perform the decrease rounds. Also note that the decrease rows are no longer double knit. [48(32) sts. remain]
Row 2: *Knit 1 in A with both yarns in back, purl 1 in B with both yarns in front. Repeat from *.
Row 3: *K2tog A, P2tog B. Repeat from *. [24(16) sts. remain]
Row 4: *Knit 1 in A with both yarns in back, purl 1 in B with both yarns in front. Repeat from *.
Row 5: *K2tog A, P2tog B. Repeat from *. [12(8) sts. remain]
Row 6: *K2tog A, P2tog B. Repeat from *. [6(4) sts. remain]

Finishing:

Cut yarns leaving tails for weaving in. Thread ends through a needle, run through remaining stitches and tie off on inside. Weave in all yarn ends.

Double Knitting is Fun!

Double knitting involves the making of a *two-layered* fabric.

General Double-Knitting Instructions

There are 2 ways to perform double knitting. One involves knitting with both yarns at the same time in a manner consistent with fair-isle colorwork. This method is especially suited to those knitters adept at knitting with both hands. The other method is akin to slip-stitch knitting, where the knitter works with one yarn at a time, slipping the stitches worked in the opposite yarn. Both methods achieve the same end, so try both and decide which way is best for you.

Method 1: Working with Two Yarns at Once

Circular knitting: Cast on the required number of stitches in A¹. Join to work in the round. For next row and all following rows: *Knit 1 in A with both yarns in back, purl 1 in B with both yarns in front. Repeat from *.

Flat Knitting: Cast on the required number of stitches in A. Slip 1 stitch. *Knit 1 in A with both yarns in back, purl 1 in B with both yarns in front. Repeat from *. At the end of the row, twist the two strands once to keep the edges closed. Alternatively, you may knit or purl the last stitch with both yarns.

Method 2: Working the Yarns One at a Time

Cast on the required number of stitches in A.¹

Row 1, Part A: *K1 in A, bring yarn forward, slip next stitch purlwise, bring yarn back. Repeat from *.

Row 1, Part B: *slip next stitch purlwise, bring yarn forward, P1 in B, bring yarn back*. Repeat from *.

Circular knitting:

Join and begin knitting in the round. Each round is knit twice, as per instructions above.

Flat knitting: Each round is knit twice, per instructions above. At the end of the row, twist the two strands once to keep the edges closed. Alternatively, you may knit or purl the last stitch with both yarns.

If the two yarns have not been twisted along the way and yarn A was consistently brought forward, the two sides of the double knit piece will be separate layers. Note that fluffy, fuzzy or eyelash-type yarns will get caught and show through. This may or may not be the desired effect, but the extent of this effect can be moderated by gently pulling the two sides apart, separating the layers and allowing the yarns to separate more completely. This maneuver works best if you wait until there is a least 2" of knitting completed.

Cast offs: (Knitter's choice)

1- Knit only Color B stitches; slip Color A stitches to an extra needle. Slide the stitches back and graft front to back with Color A using kitchener stitch.

2- Cast off on both colors, knitting all stitches.

¹Note that you may cast on in two colors by casting the two yarns on alternately. To make sure the cast on edge is closed, always pick up the yarn to be cast on next from *under* the previous, forming a twisted edge. You will otherwise end up with 2 separate pieces!

