



Happy Hippo Hat

Designed by: Amanda Morse

Material: Super bulky (size 6) yarn appx 70yds for smaller sizes and 120yds for larger (I used Loops and Thread Cozy Wool), size 13 (9mm) double pointed needles, 2 black small buttons and 2 large buttons

Gauge: 2.5sts/in ~*Gauge is VERY important! Swatch before starting!*

Sizes (appx finished circumference): newborn (13ins), 0-3mths (14ins), 3-6mths (15ins), 6-12mths (16ins), toddler (17ins), child (18ins)

Newborn

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Rows 5 & 7 - purl across

Rows 6 & 8 - knit across

Cast on 8 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap casting on 8sts but do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 32sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 3.5ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (24sts)

Round 2 - knit around

Round 3 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (16sts)

Round 4 - k2tog around (8sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 8sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p6 m1 p1 (10sts)

Rows 2 & 4 - knit

Rows 3 & 5 - purl

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Row 6 - k1 ssk k4 k2tog k1 (8sts)

Row 7 - p1 p2og p2 p2tog tbl p1 (6sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.

0-3mth

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Rows 5 & 7 - purl across

Rows 6 & 8 - knit across

Cast on 9 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap but cast on 10 sts and do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 35sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 4ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - (k2tog k3) repeat around (28sts)

Round 2 - knit around

Round 3 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (21sts)

Round 4 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (14sts)

Round 5 - k2tog around (7sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 10sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p8 m1 p1 (12sts)

Rows 2, 4 & 6 - knit

Rows 3 & 5 - purl

Row 7 - p1 p2og p6 p2tog tbl p1 (10sts)

Row 8 - k1 ssk k4 k2tog k1 (8sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

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Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.

3-6mths

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Rows 5 & 7 - purl across

Rows 6 & 8 - knit across

Cast on 10 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap but cast on 11 sts and do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 37sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 4.5ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - K2tog k5, k2tog k6, k2tog k5, k2tog k6, k2tog k5 (32sts)

Round 2 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (24sts)

Round 3 - knit around

Round 4 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (16sts)

Round 5 - k2tog around (8sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 11sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p9 m1 p1 (13sts)

Rows 2, 4 & 6 - knit

Rows 3, 5 & 7 - purl

Row 8 - k1 ssk k7 k2tog k1 (11sts)

Row 9 - p1 p2tog p5 p2tog tbl p1 (9sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

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Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.

6-12mth

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Row 5 - purl across

Row 6 - K1 M1 K6 M1 K1 (10sts)

Rows 7 & 9- purl across

Rows 8 & 10 - knit across

Cast on 10 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap but cast on 10 sts and do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 40sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 5ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - (k2tog k3) repeat around (32sts)

Round 2 - knit around

Round 3 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (24sts)

Round 4 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (16sts)

Round 5 - k2tog around (8sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 10sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p8 m1 p1 (12sts)

Rows 2, 4 & 6 - knit

Rows 3, 5 & 7 - purl

Row 8 - k1 ssk k6 k2tog k1 (10sts)

Row 9 - p1 p2og p4 p2tog tbl p1 (8sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and

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secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.

Toddler

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Row 5 - purl across

Row 6 - K1 M1 K6 M1 K1 (10sts)

Rows 7 & 9- purl across

Rows 8 & 10 - knit across

Cast on 11 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap but cast on 12 sts and do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 43sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 5.5ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - (K2tog K12) 2 times K2tog K13 (40sts)

Round 1 - (k2tog k3) repeat around (32sts)

Round 2 - knit around

Round 3 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (24sts)

Round 4 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (16sts)

Round 5 - k2tog around (8sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 12sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p10 m1 p1 (14sts)

Rows 2, 4, 6 & 8- knit

Rows 3, 5, 7 & 9- purl

Row 10 - k1 ssk k6 k2tog k1 (10sts)

Row 11 - p1 p2og p4 p2tog tbl p1 (8sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.

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Child

Earflaps

Cast on 4sts

Row 1 - purl across

Row 2 - K1 M1 K2 M1 K1 (6sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - K1 M1 K4 M1 K1 (8sts)

Row 5 - purl across

Row 6 - K1 M1 K6 M1 K1 (10sts)

Rows 7 & 9- purl across

Rows 8 & 10 - knit across

Cast on 12 sts and cut yarn leaving enough for weaving in ends. Set aside. Repeat for other earflap but cast on 13 sts and do NOT cut yarn. With the right side facing out, join in the round. You should now have 45sts on your needles.

Hat Body

Knit in the round until your work measures appx 5.5ins from the cast on sts in between the earflaps.

Decrease rounds

Round 1 - (k2tog k3) repeat around (36sts)

Round 2 - knit around

Round 3 - (k2tog k2) repeat around (27sts)

Round 4 - (k2tog k1) repeat around (18sts)

Round 5 - k2tog around (9sts)

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts.

Nose

With right side facing, pick up 13sts.

Row 1 - p1 m1 p11 m1 p1 (15sts)

Rows 2, 4 & 6 - knit

Rows 3, 5 & 7 - purl

Row 8 - k1 ssk k9 k2tog k1 (13sts)

Row 9 - p1 p2og p7 p2tog tbl p1 (11sts)

Bind off knitwise. Tack down the nose with your larger buttons.

Ears - make 2

Cast on 10sts

Rows 1 & 3 - knit

Rows 2 & 4 - purl

Do NOT bind off. Cut yarn leaving a long enough tail to sew the ears onto the hat (appx 8-12ins) and pull through the sts. Sew the ears at the top of the hat.

Weave in all ends. Add the small buttons for eyes. Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the bottom of the earflap. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side.