

*If you can knit and knit two together, you can knit this hat. My First Knit Hat is perfect for the beginning knitter just learning how to knit a hat. There is no joining, circular knitting, purling, or even binding off. Knitting garter stitch is a guaranteed way to produce fast, beginner-friendly results, and it gives this hat a wonderful nubby pattern. Knit it in one color to produce a bold statement, or use a variegated or self-striping yarn for more detail. Your first hat will be finished before you know it.*

**Knitting Needle Size** 8 or 5 mm

**Yarn Weight**(4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

**Materials:**

- Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz;288 m/315 yds); Main Color (MC) Neon Pink (9775)
  - Sizes: 4/6, 8/10, Woman, Man - 1,1,1,1 ball
- Size U.S. 8 (5 mm) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

**Gauge:** 17 sts and 32 rows = 4" [10 cm] in garter st.

**Measurements:**

4/6: To fit child 4/6 yrs

8/10: To fit child 8/12 yrs

Woman: To fit average woman's head

Man: To fit average man's head

**Instructions:**

Cast on 76 (80-84-92) sts.

Knit every row (garter st), noting first row is WS, until work from beg measures 5 (5-6½-8)" [12.5 (12.5-16.5-20.5) cm, ending on a WS row.

**Sizes 4/6, Woman and Man only:**

Next row: (RS). \*K17 (19-21). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 72 (80-88) sts.

Next row: Knit.

**All sizes:** 1st row: (RS). \*K7 (8-8-9). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 64 (72-72-80) sts.

2nd and alt rows: Knit.

3rd row: \*K6 (7-7-8). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 56 (64-64-72) sts.

5th row: \*K5 (6-6-7). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 48 (56-56-64) sts.

7th row: \*K4 (5-5-6). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 40 (48-48-56) sts.

9th row: \*K3 (4-4-5). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 32 (40-40-48) sts.

11th row: \*K2 (3-3-4). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 24 (32-32-40) sts.

12th row: Knit.

13th row: \*K1 (2-2-3). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 16 (24-24-32) sts.

**Size 4/6 only:** 13th row: \*K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 8 sts.

**Sizes 8/10, Woman and Man only: 13th row:** \*K(1-1-2). K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. (16-16-24) sts.

**Size Man only:** 14th row: Knit.

15th row: \*K1. K2tog. Rep from \* to end of row. 16 sts.

**All sizes:** Break yarn leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts and fasten securely. Sew back seam.

**Abbreviations:**

**Alt** = alternate(ing)

**Beg** = beginning

**K** = knit

**k2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together.

**rem** = remain(ing)

**rep** = repeat

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**WS** = wrong side