



Knit Your Own Toque or Slouchie

Be Ready for SOAR 2020!

Before SOAR 2017, in Smithers, I had the bright idea to knit a toque for the camp. Like many people who knit, I dug some wool out of my collection of leftovers and created a couple of hats by putting a bunch of different patterns together. So many people at camp asked about my toques that I decided to write out the pattern for SOAR 2020. The pattern is for an intermediate knitter. This is a fairly loose knit, as the camp takes place in the summertime. Here on the West Coast, we often have cool early morning temperatures even when the days are hot. Feel free to choose your own colours and number of stripes. When making a lot of hats (e.g., for a patrol), using stripes lets you get more hats from two balls of yarn. I hope you enjoy the pattern and have a great camp.

Abbreviations

CC	contrasting colour
K	knit
K2tog	knit two stitches together
MC	main colour
P	purl
Sts	stitches

* after the first time, repeat the instruction following the asterisk the number of times specified

Materials (for either hat)

Yarn: any medium weight (“4”) worsted yarn; 1/2 ball in main colour, 1/2 ball in contrasting colour (Hats in photos were made with Loops and Threads Impeccable acrylic yarn.)

Needles: 5 mm 16” (40 cm) circular knitting needle; 5 mm double-pointed needles (optional)

Notion: stitch marker; tapestry needle

Tension: 20 sts = 5 inches; 20 rows = 4 inches



TOQUE

This pattern fits an average adult. To make the toque larger, add 2 rows after the grid pattern (chart) is completed. To make the toque smaller, change to 4.5 mm needles. Do not decrease the number of stitches.

Cast on 76 stitches in MC and join in round. Place stitch marker at beginning of round.

Rows 1–12: *K1, P1; repeat from * to end.

Rows 13–16: Knit.

Rows 17–29: Join in CC and follow chart for 12 rows, repeating chart twice. It will spell out SOAR – SOAR.

Variation: The second chart spells out 2020. You may choose to spell out SOAR – 2020.

Once chart is completed, to knit a larger toque insert 2 knit rows here.

Rows 30–35: Change to MC; Knit.

Row 36: * K6, K2tog; repeat from * 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 37: Knit.

Row 38: * K5, K2tog; repeat from * 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 39: Knit.

Knit crown of hat as follows, changing to

double-pointed needles if preferred.

Row 40: *K4, K2tog; repeat from * 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 41: Knit.

Row 42: *K3, K2tog; repeat from * 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 43: Knit.

Row 44: *K2, K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 45: Knit.

Row 46: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 47: Knit.

Row 48: *K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Row 49: Knit.

Row 50: *K2tog; repeat until there are 5 stitches remaining. Break yarn; with tapestry needle, thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and tie off.

Weave ends in, adjusting any loose knots.



SLOUCHIE

This pattern fits a medium to large adult. For a very small head, use a 4.5 mm needle. Do not change the number of stitches.

Cast on 76 stitches in MC and join in round. Place stitch marker at beginning of round.

