**Instructions:**

Using smaller 16" (#7) circular cast on 72 stitches. Join into a round, being careful not to twist at the join.

**Rnd 1:** Knit 1, Purl 1 around. Place a marker at the end of round 1. This forms the rib.

Or change to larger #8 circulars if desired.

Knit all rounds up to 6" to 6.5", including the rib (cap should cover the entire ear).

Or work the **Criss Cross Stitch**

**Pattern:**

**Rnd 1:** *sl st as if to purl, K1, YO, psso, K2; repeat from * around

**Rnd 2:** K around

Repeat these 2 rows 4 times. Complete cap using Madeline pattern.

**Crown Shaping:**

**Rnd 1:** Knit 7 sts, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

**Rnd 2:** and each even number round: knit plain

**Rnd 3:** *Knit 6 stitches, knit two together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

**Rnd 5:** *Knit 5 sts, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

When circular needles become too long for the decreasing amount of stitches, begin knitting off onto double point needles, 2 sections per needle. Or if you know how to work in the round with 2 circulars, divide the knitting in half while knitting a round.

**Rnd 7:** *Knit 4, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 9:** *Knit 3, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 11:** *Knit 2, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 13:** *Knit 1, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 15:** *Knit 2, together.

Only 2 stitches remain in each section.

**Finishing:** Break yarn, leaving 12". Thread onto a tapestry needle and loosely thread through the remaining stitches. Thread through a 2nd time and pull tightly to close the remaining hole. Thread to inside and stitch in place to secure. Weave in and out of a few stitches, and clip the remaining yarn.

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