

Wii Hat



Materials:

1 skein Lion Brand Cotton Ease in White

1 US size 4 16" circular needle

1 set of US size 4 double-pointed needles

Worsted weight grey wool or cotton yarn for embroidery

Yarn needle

Size:

21 inches, but does stretch quite a bit when donned and also stretches a bit while worn, as cotton does. Will fit all average-sized heads.

Gauge:

18 stitches and 28 rows / 4 inches (10 cm) AFTER SWATCH HAS BEEN MACHINE WASHED AND DRIED ON LOW HEAT.

Please wash your swatch!

Instructions for hat:

Cast on 80 stitches, and work in 2 by 2 rib for 1.5 inches.

Change to stockinette stitch, and work straight until hat measures 6 inches.

Decrease for the crown as follows:

Row 1: (knit 8, knit 2 together) 8 times (72 stitches)

Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: knit

Row 3: (knit 7, knit 2 together) 8 times (64 stitches)

Row 5: (knit 6, knit 2 together) 8 times (56 stitches)

Row 7: (knit 5, knit 2 together) 8 times (48 stitches)

Row 9: (knit 4, knit 2 together) 8 times (40 stitches)

Row 11: (knit 3, knit 2 together) 8 times (32 stitches)

Row 13: (knit 2, knit 2 together) 8 times (24 stitches)

Now, decrease every round:

Row 14: (knit 1, knit 2 together) 8 times (16 stitches)

Cut yarn and draw through remaining stitches. Weave in ends.

Embroidery:

Decide which side will be the front of your hat. I found it easiest to use a fabric pencil (available at any craft or sewing store) to draw the Wii logo onto the front of the hat, approximately 1.5 inches high and 3.5 inches wide. It may help to faintly mark a box this size onto your hat in the desired location to help freehand the "Wii." For fear of copyright infringement, please go to the www.wii.com to find a nice version of the logo.

I used two different crewel stitches to embroider the logo, which was done in Knit Picks' Wool of the Andes in Fog. I recommend using a wool yarn like this for your logo, since it will felt a bit in the wash, making the logo's lines fluid and pleasing.

For the "W," I used the back stitch; for the "ii," the chain stitch. Instructions for these stitches can be found at <http://inaminuteago.com/stitchindex.html>. Both are very simple and should cause no worries for the novice embroiderer.

<http://www.weaverknits.blogspot.com>

Wash your hat (I used the cold water wash cycle in the machine) and dry it as you like (I dried mine at low heat until it was nearly dry and then laid it flat).

Wear and enjoy!