

Christmas-at-Sea

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SEAFARER'S WATCH CAP (KNIT FLAT ON STRAIGHT NEEDLES)

Pattern and instructions courtesy of *Seamen's Church Institute (SCI)*.



MATERIALS: Approx. 200 yds. worsted weight yarn
US size 6 or 7 16"-circulars and double pointed needles (or size needed for gauge)

GAUGE: 4.5 st = 1"

Cast on 84 stitches. K2, P2 ribbing for 4".

Switch to garter stitch (knit every row) for 5.5", or 40 rows (20 garter ridges).

DECREASE FOR THE CROWN

K10 k2tog* repeat from * to end of the row. Knit back.

k9 k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K8, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K7, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K6, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K5, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K4, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K3, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K2, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row. Knit back.

K1, k2tog* repeat from * to end of row.

You now have 14 stitches on your needle. Knit 7 stitches.

TO JOIN CROWN

With 7 stitches on each needle, cut yarn (leaving about 15" length for seaming) and thread needle. Fold cap so both needles are even and parallel, with free yarn extending from right-hand end of back needle. While working, always keep yarn under knitting needles. Weave sts from front and back needles together with KITCHENER stitch as follows:

SET UP

Pass tapestry needle through first st on front knitting needle as if to purl. Keep stitch on needle. Pass through the first stitch on back needle as if to knit, keeping stitch on needle.

KITCHENER STITCH

*Pass tapestry needle through first stitch on front needle as if to knit and slip stitch off the needle. Pass through second st on same needle as if to purl. Pull yarn through but leave st on needle. Pass through first st on back needle as if to purl. Slip st off. Pass through second st on back needle as if to knit, leaving stitch on needle. Repeat from * until all sts are off needles. Pull yarn through and fasten securely leaving extra yarn to sew up seam.

SEW SEAM

Place edges of cap adjacent to each other, pattern matching. Picking up outside loop of st from each side, sew back and forth drawing through two edges securely from top of crown to bottom of cuff. DO NOT SEW THROUGH DOUBLE THICKNESS.

Note: Please pay attention to gauge. If your gauge is larger, cast on fewer stitches in a multiple of 12. For example: at 4.5 st =1", cast on 84, and if it's 4 st =1" then cast on 72.

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