where there's wool

there's a way

Knit or crochet a little hat for the Big Knit and we'll pop it on one of our smoothie bottles. For every behatted drink sold, we'll give 30p to help **Age UK** be there for older people.

find out inside how these little hats make a big difference

the innocent big knit

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little hats

big difference

We've been putting little hats on our bottles in support of Age UK since 2003. And it's all thanks to heroic knitters creating thousands of bobble dazzlers year after year.

Every hat is important – you'll be making a big difference whether you knit loads or just one.

We've included some patterns to get you started, but feel free to try out different colours or come up with designs of your own. We love seeing your creations.

When you've run out of woolpower (or space) send your hats to:

Age UK HEY, 350 Preston Road, Hull, HU9 5HH

Knit or crochet a woolly hat, or five.

Send your hats to us, and we'll pop them on our smoothies.

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The money we raise helps Age UK be there for older people.

knitting pattern
by Juliet Bernard

beginner

wool colours

4mm
needles

knitted rainbow hat

the one with all the colours

abbreviations

st(s) - stitch(es)
st st - stocking stitch
k2tog - knit two together

how you knit it

Cast on 31 sts in red.
Knit two rows (garter st).
Change to orange and beginning with a knit row continue in st as follows:
2 rows orange, 2 rows yellow,
2 rows green, 2 rows blue, 2 rows purple,
2 rows pink.
Continue in pink.
next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts).
next row: purl.
next row: k2tog to end (8sts).

Cut the yarn and pull through remaining stitches.

making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.
Make a pompom using all the colours and sew it securely to the top of the hat.

You can now knit (and sing) a rainbow.

crochet pattern
by Sarah

beginner

wool colours

3.5mm
hook

crochet stripe hat

the one with the pompom

abbreviations (UK)

ch – chain
st(s) – stitch(es)
dc – double crochet
inc – increase

how you crochet it

(in blue) start 6 dc in a magic ring. [6]
round 1: (in pink) inc in all 6 st. [12]
round 2: (in blue) (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]
round 3: (in pink) (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24]
round 4: (in blue) (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30]
round 5 - 12: (start in pink and alternate colours each round.)
dc in all 30 st. [30]

Fasten off and sew in the end.

making up:

Make a large pompom with both colours either using a pompom maker or a fork. Sew it nice and securely to the top, in the centre, and trim if necessary.

knitting pattern
by Juliet Bernard

intermediate

wool colours

4mm
needles

knitted rabbit hat

the one with the really big ears

abbreviations

st(s) - stitch(es)
st st - stocking stitch
garter stitch - knit all rows
k2tog - knit two together

how you knit it

Cast on 31 sts.
Start with a knit row knit 14 rows in st.
next row: k2tog to last st, k1 (16sts).
next row: purl.
next row: k2tog to end (8sts).
Cut the yarn pulling it through the remaining stitches and fasten off.

ears (make 2)

Cast on 7 sts and work 6 rows in garter stitch.
next row: k2, k3tog k2(5sts).
Knit another 7 rows in garter stitch.
next row: k1, k3tog k1(5sts). Knit another 5 rows in garter stitch then knit all 3 sts together and pull yarn through the loop.

making up

Use a sewing needle to join side seams.
Sew end in at the tip of the ears and, pinching the bottom of the ears so they stand up, sew them to the hat. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth in black, brown and pink yarn.

crochet pattern
by Sarah

intermediate

wool colours

3.5mm
hook

crochet fox hat

the one with little orange ears

abbreviations (UK)

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inc – increase

how you crochet it

Begin 6 dc in a magic ring. [6]
round 1: inc in all 6 st. [12]
round 2: (dc in next st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [18]
round 3: (dc in next 2 st, inc in next st) repeat 6 times. [24]
round 4: (dc in next 4 st, inc in next st) repeat 5 times. [30]
round 5 - 16: dc in all 30 st. [30]
Fasten off and sew in end.
Fold up the rim (approx. last 4 rounds).

Add a few stiches on either side to keep in place.

ears (make 2)

note: Use the tapestry technique for the ears. If you are not confident using this technique, you can choose to crochet the ears in just orange wool, or crochet the cream part

seperate and embroider them on at the end.

(in orange) 4 dc in a magic ring. [4]
round 1: dc in all 4 sts. [4]
round 2: inc into next st, dc in all sts. [5]
round 3: inc into next st, dc into next st,
(in cream) 1 dc,

(in orange) 5 dc. [6]
round 4: inc into next st, dc into next st,
(in cream) 2 dc,
(in orange) 4 dc. [7]
round 5: dc into next st,
(in cream) 3 dc,
(in orange) 4 dc. [7]
round 6: dc into next st
(in cream) 4 dc,
(in orange) 3 dc. [7]
round 7: (in orange) dc into all sts. [7]
Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing onto the head.

making up:
Use a sewing needle, stitch both ears onto the top of the body, approx. 4 sts apart.

Now all you need is a fox scarf. That's the next project sorted.

These patterns are just ideas to get you started. Feel free to try different colours, and come up with designs of your own.

To find more patterns, information and inspiration visit:

www.bigknit.co.uk

Thanks, you purl.

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