Wheat Braid Hat

materials & gauge:

needed:

❋ double point or circular needles 4.5 mm (US 7)

75 (80, 85, 90, 100) yds worsted weight yarn

all yarn requirements are approximate

gauge: 4" = 22 st in Wheat Braid, relaxed

fits head circumference / height:
toddler (18" / 6½")
child med (19" / 7")
child lg/adult sm (21" / 8")
adult med (22" / 8½")
adult large (23" / 9")

wheat braid stitch pattern:

(6 stitch, 2 row repeat)

❋ p1, RT, LT, p1

❋ p1, k4, p1

instructions:

adjustments for larger size in ( )

cast on 72 (78, 84, 90, 96) sts. join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

work wheat braid st pattern for 1½" (1½", 2", 2", 2"), or to desired length for cuff.

crown:

knit around for 3½" (3½", 3¾", 3", 4") or until depth of crown is 1½" (2", 2½", 2¾", 3") less than desired finished measurement.

decreases:

❋ *k14 (13, 12, 11, 10), k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ 2 rnds: k around

❋ *k13 (12, 11, 10, 9), k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ 2 rnds: k around

continue in progression, working one less st between k2tog, until there are 5 sts remaining between decreases

❋ *k5, k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ k around.

❋ *k4, k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ k around.

❋ *k3, k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ k around

❋ *k2, k2tog. repeat from * around.

❋ *k1, k2tog. repeat from * around.

finishing:

cut 6" tail and thread through loops. pull tight. weave in all ends and clip.

techniques & abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

k2tog TBL: knit 2 stitches together as one through the back loops.

LT: knit into the back loop of the 2nd stitch. leave both sts on the needle. k2tog TBL. Let both stitches drop off the needle.

ndl(s): needle(s)

p: purl

PM: place marker

rnd(s): rounds

RT: k2tog. leave both sts on the needle. k 1st st again. Let both stitches drop off the needle.

st(s): stitch(es)