

AOS WOOLLY HAT PATTERN

Aran is the best wool to use, DK can be used but the hats are not quite as cosy. However it is a matter of choice for the person doing the knitting. This is the pattern that some have found to be the best for them.

Size needles, no 6 (5mm) and no 7 (4.5mm)

With no 6 needles cast on 108 sts and k2 p2 for approx 2 to 3 inches

Change to no 7 needles and continue in rib until work measures a total of 9 inches.

Start the decreasing as follows

1st row Rib 9, slip 1 k 2 tog pssso, repeat to end of row

2nd and every alternate row rib in pattern

3rd row Rib 7, slip1, k2 tog pssso repeat to end of row

4th row as 2nd

5th row Rib 5 etc

6th row as 2nd

Continue decreasing every other row until on the 9th row. This will be Rib 1 etc

11th row k2 tog to the end of the row thread wool through remaining stitches, stitch up and fold back the brim

.....then start again

They are so easy to knit, handy to just pick up any time and do a few rows.

You can:

- drop your hats off at church in a bag marked Apostleship of the Sea and they will be collected & taken to a local port & given to seafarers.
- if you have children at St Bede's School they can hand them for you

Thank you very much for helping us. Your hats will be very much appreciated.