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Challenge Hat for Loom Knitting

(Your challenge is to learn a new stitch, or more)

36 peg loom, 3/4" spacing between pegs
knitting loom tool
Chunky yarn (or 2 strands soft worsted weight)
Crochet hook for cast on
markers (little rubber bands or loops of thread)

Stitches -

Knit - Use the **"U" knit stitch** by wrapping the yarn to the back of the peg and then lift off the bottom loop.

Purl - Lay the yarn loosely underneath the loop that is on the peg. Insert the hook under that loop, and scoop up the working yarn, thus creating a new loop. Take the existing loop off of the peg, and replace it with the loop that is pulled through.

Crochet cast on - <http://isela.typepad.com/Patterns/CastOnTutorial.pdf>

Flat drawstring bind off - <http://www.loomahat.com/flat-drawstring-cast-off/>

Place a marker on every 4th peg to keep track of ribbing pattern.

Crochet cast on 36 stitches

Work 1 1/2" in knit 2, purl 2 ribbing

Work the rest of the hat in e-wrap, or pattern of your choice, for 8"



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Bind off with gathering bind off or flat drawstring bind off.

If using the gather bind off, once the hat is big enough, decrease the pegs by half. Take yarn on peg 1 and move it to peg 2. Take the bottom yarn over the top yarn. Continue moving all the yarn on odd pegs to even pegs.

Finish by cutting a long tail of the working yarn and gathering the remaining stitches as usual.

Other stitch patterns for body of hat -

1. Alternate 2 rows e-wrap, 2 rows U-knit
2. Work 3 rows e-wrap, 1 row purl
3. Work a lace pattern - move every 4th stitch to the peg next to it, lift lower loop up & over, continue to e-wrap by wrapping empty peg and knit it on the next round.

