

Back to School Clothing Drive
Stitches of Love

Lace Hat for Loom Knitting

36 peg loom
Chunky yarn (or 2 strands soft worsted weight)
Crochet hook for cast on
stitch markers (round rings or loops of thread)
(A straw isn't needed for this hat)

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.

K3tog - knit 3 together - take the yarn that is on the pegs before and after the peg and put it on the center peg. Lay the working yarn in front of the peg that will have 3 loops on it and knit over. Knit stitches over one at a time if they are too tight.

yo - yarn over - lay the working yarn in front of the empty peg created in the k3tog.

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

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

Hints -

Place a marker on every 6th peg to keep track of lace pattern.

*Make sure that the purl stitches in round 2 and round 4 are **LOOSE!!***



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

(work round 4 once, to set up pattern, **keep purl stitches loose**)

Round 1 - Yo, k3tog, yo, purl, purl purl. Repeat this around.

Round 2 - Knit, knit, knit, purl, purl purl. Repeat this around.

Round 3 - Purl, purl, purl, yo, k3tog, yo. Repeat this around.

Round 4 - Purl, purl, purl, knit, knit, knit. Repeat this around.

Work rounds 1 - 4 for about 8".

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

If you want to make this hat for boys, just use "boy colors" and call it the Swiss Cheese Hat.