



Stockings for Soldiers

Directions For Knitting Hats

Supplies

100% wool yarn (worsted weight) in dark colors:

black, brown, dark gray, dark green, olive green, navy, and variegated yarn in these colors.

Please only use 100% wool. Acrylics and synthetics melt and would be dangerous for our troops.

Size 6 US(16 inch) circular knitting needle

Size 8 US(16 inch) circular knitting needle

Size 8 US(? inch) double pointed needles (**4**)

Cast on **84 stitches** on a size 6 (16 inch) circular needle, make sure stitches are not twisted, join together, place marker.

Knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches, for 6 rows.

Switch to size 8 (16 inch) circular needle and knit all rows until the piece measures 9 inches from the cast on edge to the needle.

Begin decreasing the number of stitches by knitting 2 stitches together across the row Knit the next row

Do this two row pattern 3 times. As the rows get shorter (fewer stitches), the stitches should be placed on double pointed needles and worked from there.

Cut off the yarn leaving a 14 inch piece, pull yarn through the remaining stitches, gather and tie off. Weave the "tails" of yarn into hat.

For our Professional knitters: We appreciate any pattern that you may already use, if different from ours.

Please bring your donations to our Stocking Store before **Wed., November 22nd, 2017**, so they can be mailed in time.

Stocking Store location: Branmar Plaza Shopping Center, 1812 Marsh Road, Wilmington, DE
(To the left of **Walgreens**)

For our out-of-town knitting volunteers: Please mail your hats to:

Stockings For Soldiers - Delaware, Inc.
1911 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

THANK YOU so much for helping us to send handmade warm hats to our troops.

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