

## Ear Flap Hat Knitting Pattern

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Adorable and easy to knit, this ear flap hat will be loved by both boys and girls.

### Size:

Fits children about ages 4 to 8

### Gauge:

20 sts and 26 rows=4" in St st

### Materials:

**Merino 5** by Crystal Palace Yarns

100% machine washable merino wool

110 yards/50 grams

One ball #5208 Blush Pink

Size 8 US (5 mm) double pointed needles

Size 8 US (5 mm) 16" circular needles

Stitch holder

Tapestry needle

See [this listing](#) for a shop near you.

### Instructions

#### Ear Flaps

CO 3 sts. Work **I-cord** 7".

Work back and forth:

**Row 1:** k3

**Row 2:** p3

**Row 3:** k into front and back of first st, k1, k into front and back of last st - 5 sts



**Row 4:** k into front and back of first st, p1, k1, p1, k into front and back of last st - 7 sts

**Row 5:** k into front and back of first st, (k1, p1) twice, k1, k into front and back of last st - 9 sts

Cont in pattern as est, **keeping to Seed Stitch pattern** (knit the purls and purl the knits as they face you), until you have 23 sts.

Work 4 rows **even** in Seed Stitch.

**Next Row:** p1, ssk, work seed st to last 3 sts, k2tog, p1 - 21 sts

**Next Row:** Work even in Seed St.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Cut yarn. Place rem 19 sts on holder.

Make another ear flap. Do not cut yarn and leave sts on needle.

### **Join Flaps And Begin Hat**

With circular needles, work Seed St over 19 sts on needle. Using the **Cable**

**Cast On**, CO 35 sts (for front of hat). Work Seed St over 19 sts on holder. Using the Cable Cast On, CO 23 sts (for back of hat) - 96 sts

Join and mark beg of round.

Work Seed St 5 rnds.

Work St st until hat measures 4" from CO edge.

### **Decrease Crown**

Change to double points when sts no longer fit on circulars.

**Rnd 1:** \*K6, k2tog; rep from \* around - 84 sts

**Rnd 2:** K

**Rnd 3:** \*K5, k2tog; rep from \* around - 72 sts

**Rnd 4:** K

**Rnd 5:** \*K4, k2tog; rep from \* around - 60 sts

**Rnd 6:** K

**Rnd 7:** \*K3, k2tog; rep from \* around - 48 sts

**Rnd 8:** K

**Rnd 9:** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* around - 36 sts

**Rnd 10:** K

**Rnd 11:** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* around - 24 sts

**Rnd 12:** K

**Rnd 13:** \*K2tog around - 12 sts

**Rnd 14:** K

**Rnd 15:** \*K2tog around - 6 sts

Cut yarn, leaving a tail. Thread tail through tapestry needle and through rem 6 sts and remove from needle. Pull tightly to close top of hat. Weave in ends on WS.

