

# Rudolph Hat

This hat is for a beginner and is basically a rectangle piece of fabric. The design is worked in duplicate stitch after that hat piece is made, then it is just a matter of sewing the side, drawing up the top and putting a pompom on. If you want to add the ear flaps, it may go beyond a beginner piece, but is still very easy to do. This pattern is about a medium child size, depending on the child of course. You may add or decrease as necessary to fit your little one.

## Materials

white Worsted, 1 skein,  
small amounts brown, yellow, red and green worsted  
Size 8 and 10 single point  
needles  
yarn needle

- Medium child size

## Duplicate Stitch

With the duplicate stitch, you are basically sewing with yarn directly over the stitch that is there. Once you finish the pattern, it looks as if the original stitch has disappeared, and you have knit an intricate design in your piece. Each stitch will look like a V. Being careful not to split the yarn, bring the needle through point 1, from the back of the sweater piece to the front through the base of the stitch to be covered. Then insert the needle at point 2 from the right to left behind the stitch at point 3.

Insert the needle back into point 1 from front to back into the base of the stitch to be covered. Do not pull the yarn too tight. Try to keep the stitch the same size (tension) as the surrounding stitches.



## Instructions

Using smaller needles cast on 60. Work 8 rows in stockinet stitch (knit one row, pearl next row\*) this will create the rolled edge. Change to larger needles and work another 50 rows in stockinet stitch. Bind off, leaving long tail for sewing. This is the top of the hat

Use chart to work duplicate stitch pattern into center of rectangle.

Stitch back seam with needle and tie off. Using needle and long tail from top, run through every other stitch and pull tight to close up top, having all the skipped stitches inside. Tie off with the tail from sewing the side.

Make a pompom by wrapping white yarn around a piece of card of desired size (mine was about 5 inches) at least 50 times around to make a full ball. Tie around center and cut all the loops to make the pompom. Sew pompom to the top of the hat, covering up the gathered hole.

**Optional Ear flaps:** Match center front to center back to find the center of the sides. Mark each side and on the inside of the hat, pick up 8 stitches on each side of center, in the first row on the larger needles (row 9) work stockinet stitch for 15 rows, matching the right side of the ear flap to the right side of the hat. Beginning with row 16, decrease one stitch at the beginning and end of each row until only 4 stitches remain. Continue the 4 stitches until you reach the desired length for tying. Repeat on the other side.

(\*you can knit this in the round if you like, knitting each stitch and eliminating the need to sew a seam)

