

## Red Berets for Medicare for All Beret Pattern

People requested an 'official' pattern. I encourage you to use your creativity and talent to post/share on Facebook more options if they are free or if you write patterns! All yarn weights and shades are enthusiastically embraced!

Credit is due to two women for this pattern. The writer, Cynthia Myers and to Marylou Anderson who discovered it on e-how!

This pattern is very forgiving/flexible. Start with sport weight and size 8 or 9 needles but you'll get the idea quickly how far you can stray and still produce excellent results!!

Cast on 74 stitches. Knit 1, purl 1 to the end of the row. Place a stitch marker and join the stitches. Continue in knit 1, purl 1 pattern until the ribbing measures 1 ½ inches.

Knit 1, increase 1 across the row. You will have 111 stitches on the needle.

Switch to the size 9 circular needles. Knit every row until your hat measures 6 inches.

Knit 9, knit 2 together across the row, ending with knit 1. Knit the next row.

Knit 8, knit 2 together across the row, ending with knit 1. Knit the next row.

Knit 7, knit 2 together across the row, ending with knit 1. Knit the next row. Continue in this pattern, knitting one less stitch between the decreases every other row until you have 15 stitches left on the needle. Switch to the double-point needles when the stitches become too few to handle comfortably on the circular needle.

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of yarn about 12 inches long. Thread this tail onto the darning needle. Run the thread through the remaining stitches on the knitting needle and slip them from the knitting needle. Pull the thread tight to gather the stitches. Take a stitch to secure the yarn and weave in the ends.

Tip: I cast on 75, slip the extra stitch from the right needle to the left, K2tog and then proceed with Purl/knit Purl from there to make a nicer join!