

**YARNIMALS**  
**Knit Owl Hat**



**To Fit Size:**

**Childs S, (Child L, Teen/Adult)**

**Approximate Finished**

**Circumference: 18 ¾", (20, 21 ½)**

**Materials:**

**Yarnimals Owl:**

**1—ball for all sizes.**

**Gauge:** 18 sts, 26 rows = 4" in st st on size US Size 8 (5mm) knitting needles *after blocking*,

**Needles/Notions:** US Size 8 (5mm)-16" circular and DPNs, US Size 5 (3.75mm) 24" circular, 7 st markers (m), tapestry needle, small amount white sewing thread.

Pattern is written for smallest size, with larger sizes in parenthesis. If only one number is given, it applies to all sizes.

Earflaps are worked first and are worked in rows. The earflaps are then joined to the main body of the hat and the hat is worked in the round. Embellishments are attached afterward.

**Begin**

**Ear Flaps (Make 2)**

With main yarn and DPNs, CO 6 sts.

**Row 1 and 3 (WS):** P all sts.

**Row 2:** K1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 8 sts on needle.

**Row 4:** K all sts.

Work rows 1-4—5 times total.

16 sts on needle. Work even until ear flap measures 4 ½, (5, 5)" from

CO edge, end having worked a p row. Set aside and make another ear flap.

**Join earflaps to hat**

**Join Rnd:** (All RS facing and US Size -16" circular needle)

With main yarn, CO 19, (22, 24) sts for the back of the hat, k across 16 sts from first earflap, CO 33, (36, 40) sts for the front of the hat, k across 16 sts from the second earflap. Join in the rnd and pm. 84, (90, 96) sts on needle.

Work in st st in the rnd (k every rnd) until hat measures 4 ½" from Join Rnd.

**Shape Crown** (Switch to DPNs when necessary.)

**Rnd 1:** \*K12, (13, 14) sts, k2tog; pm, rep from \* across—6 sts dec'd. 78, (84, 90) sts on needle.

**Rnd 2:** \*K to 2 sts before m, k2tog; sl m; rep from \* across—6 sts dec'd. 72, (78, 84) sts on needle.

Work rnd 2—11, (12, 13) times more. 6 sts on needle. Cut yarn and draw through rem sts with tapestry needle. Fasten off.

## **Finishing**

Contrast Trim: With RS facing, longer circular needle, CC, start at the corner of earflap, \*pick up and k 20, (22, 22) sts along the side edge of the earflap, k across 6 from CO edge of earflap, pick up and k 20, (22, 22) sts along the other side of the earflap, k across all CO sts from the hat to next earflap; rep from \* once more. 144, (158, 164) sts on needle. Join in the rnd and pm. Work in garter st in the rnd (k1 rnd, p 1 rnd) for 4 rnds. BO all sts on next rnd in k.

Eyes and Nose: Undo the white thread for the eyes and hold the thread to the WS. Using sewing thread, stitch the eyes to the hat. Stitch the nose onto the hat.

Ears: With the tapestry needle, take an 8” long strand of main yarn and thread it through the looped part of the tassel. Re-thread the tapestry needle with both ends of the 8” strand. Position where you want the ear tassel to be and push the tapestry needle through from RS to WS- make sure to push through a whole stitch—not through a piece of yarn. Gently pull the main yarn strands to push the looped end from the RS to WS of the knitting. Fasten into place. Rep for the other ear tassel.

Earflap Braids: Attach the earflap braids onto each end of the earflaps. Weave in all ends.

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