

TOBOGGAN NOGGIN[®]

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It's common knowledge that 80% of heat is lost through your head. That means that the best way to regulate your temperature on a winter outing is with your head gear. The top of the Toboggan Noggin can be closed for maximum warmth, opened a little to cool off, or opened all the way and pulled down around your neck. It's perfect for cross-country skiing, skating, or chopping wood. This pattern is a great one for a beginning knitter, or for using up leftover odds and ends of yarn.

Directions are given for 2 sizes. The smaller size will fit kids Age 4-8. The larger size will fit older kids and adults. If only one number is given, it applies to both sizes.

Materials: 4 oz. of basic, worsted weight wool yarn.

Recommended yarns:

Cascade 220, Galway, Paton's Classic Wool, Naturespun, or old Germantown

Needles: Size 5, 16" circular

Gauge: 5 sts = 1" in stockinette.

Abbreviations:

K = Knit

P = Purl

St(s) = Stitch(es)

K2tog = Knit 2 together

Yo = Yarn over

Directions:

Cast on 99 (108) sts. Join (being careful not to twist) and knit around until hat is 8½" (9¼") long.

Note: If you're using several colors, switch stripes whenever you feel like it.

Next rd:

K4 [yo, K2tog, K7] repeat [--], ending K3.

Knit even for another 1¼".

Bind off all sts.

Make a braid about 32" long. Thread the braid through the holes created by the yarnovers. Draw tight and tie in a bow.

Textured Hat Variation – work same as above except:

Cast on and knit the first 1".

Then switch to Dot Stitch:

Rd 1: Knit

Rd 2: [K1, P1] repeat [--]

Rd 3: Knit

Rd 4: [P1, K1] repeat [--]

Repeat Rounds 1-4 for textured stitch.

Note: Work the yarnovers on a plain knit round.

