

## Like the Big Boys, a toddler earflap hat

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Little boys hats deserve to be as “cool and styling” as their big brothers.

**Materials** 1 Skein Noro Kureyon  
US #8 16” Circular & double points, or size needed to obtain gauge  
US # 6 double points or two US size’s smaller than needle above  
(5,6,7) markers (one in contrasting color)  
Blunt darning needle to finish

**Gauge** 5 stitches to the inch

**Size** Toddler Small, Medium, & Large (15”, 16” 17 ½ “) head circumference

**Glossary** K: Knit, P: Purl, K2tog: knit 2 stitches together, YO: Yarn Over, KTBL: knit thru the back loop, PTBL: purl thru the back loop

Garner St - On flat pieces knit all rows. In the round, knit one row then purl one row

**1<sup>st</sup> Earflap** Worked in garner st.

With circular needle, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 & 2 Knit

Row 3 K1, YO, knit to last stitch, YO, K1 (RS)

Row 4 K1, KTBL, knit all stitches to 2 stitches before end, KTBL (WS)

Repeat rows 3 & 4 (7,8,9) times

Final Row K1, YO, knit to last stitch, YO K1, using cable cast on, cast on (18, 18, 19) stitches for hat front

Total (38, 40, 43) stitches. Break yarn, Leave on circular needle

Turn so RS is facing you and cable cast on is on left side of earflap . Cast on for 2<sup>nd</sup> earflap.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Earflap** On same circular needle, cast on 4 sts.

Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> Earflap until Final Row

Final Row, K1, YO, knit to last stitch, YO K1, using cable cast on, cast on (12, 10, 10) stitches for hat back

Total (32, 32, 34 ) stitches. DO NOT break yarn

**Crown** Right sides should be facing to the outside, with a cable cast on between each earflap Check to make certain there are no twists in cast on’s.

Purl round, to join cable cast on of 2<sup>nd</sup> Earflap to 1<sup>st</sup> Earflap and cable cast on of 1<sup>st</sup> Earflap to 2<sup>nd</sup> Earflap.

On the Back cable cast on, Purl to halfway point (6, 5, 5) stitches. Place marker and begin Round 1 here.

NOTE: PTBL of YO’s on Earflaps.

Round 1 Knit Total (70, 72, 77) stitches.

Round 2 Purl

Repeat round 1 & 2 a total of 2 times. There will be three purl ridges on the front of the hat.

Knit 5 rounds

Purl 1 round

Knit 7 rounds

Purl 1 round

Knit all the rest of the rounds until at the mid-front the hat measures (2 ¾”, 3 ½”, 4 ¼”)



- Decrease's**      Insert a maker every (14, 12, 11 )stitches including round marker you should have (5, 6, 7) markers K2tog after each marker every other round ( 9, 8,7) times. Switching to double points when necessary. Change to smaller double points and continue decrease pattern three more times. Final round should be K2tog all the way around.
- Finishing**      Cut thread pull thru remaining stitches, removing markers as you go. Draw tail up tight and weave in end on inside. Weave in all ends.
- Ties**              Long ties cut 6 threads 30" each. (Three for each side). Slip the three threads thru the first garter st row of the ear flap. Align the six threads all even (15") Divide into three sets of two threads and braid. Leave approx 3 inches of unbraided thread. Tie into a knot and clip remaining threads even.
- Short ties cut 12 threads 15" each. Six for each side. Braid as described above using three sets of four threads. For a shorter fatter look.

#### Additional finish options

Create a braid with large tassel and pull thru the top of the hat. Crochet a contrasting border around the hat opening.