

**Basic Hat & Gator**

- 220 yards worsted weight 100% wool yarn in tan, brown, olive, gray, black, brown or tan solid or variegated. (black or brown are preferred as is superwash wool)
- Size 7 16" circular needles or size to achieve gauge
- Size 7 double point needles or size to achieve gauge
- Size 6 16" circular needle for ribbings
- 4 Stitch Markers (one in a different color to mark beg of round)

Gauge: 5.5 sts = 1" over stockinette

With smaller needles cast on 96 sts, pm, join being careful not to twist sts. Work 1.5" in k2p2 rib.

On next row switch to larger needles and knit every round until the hat measures 6" from the cast on edge.

Begin shaping:

\*K 24, pm, rep from \* until a total of 4 markers are in place. These markers are where your decreases will occur to shape the crown.

\*K2tog, work to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, rep from \* to end of the round.  
 K 1 round.

Cont in this manner until 12 sts remain between markers.

\*k2tog, work to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, rep from \* to end of round. Rep this round until only 2 sts remain between markers. Cut a 8-9" tail of yarn, thread on a tapestry needle and pull through remaining sts. Weave in loose ends.

**Gator:**

With smaller needles cast on 104 sts. Work 1.5" in k2p2 rib. Change to larger needles and continue in k2p2 rib until the piece measures 7". Change back to smaller needles and cont in k2p2 rib until the piece measures 8.5" total. Bind off very loosely and weave in ends.

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**Basic Hat & Gator Crochet**

- 300 yards worsted weight 100% wool yarn in tan, brown, olive, gray, black, brown or tan solid or variegated. (black or brown are preferred as is superwash wool)
- US J & F size hook or size needed to maintain gauge

Gauge: 4 sc = 1". Adjust hook size to achieve proper gauge.

Using larger hook:

Rnd 1: Form a ring around your finger, work 6 sc in ring

Rnd 2: 2 scs in next 6 sts (12 sts)

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (18 sts)

Rnd 4: (sc in next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (24 sts)

Rnd 5: (sc in next 3 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (30 sts)

Rnd 6: (sc in next 4 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (36 sts)

Rnd 7: (sc in next 5 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (42 sts)

Rnd 8: (sc in next 6 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (48 sts)

Rnd 9: (sc in next 7 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (54 sts)

Rnd 10: (sc in next 8 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (60 sts)

Rnd 11: (sc in next 9 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (66 sts)

Rnd 12: (sc in next 10 sts, 2 scs in next st) 6 times (72 sts)

Work over 72 sts until piece measures 7 inches from the beginning round.

Ribbing using smaller hook:

Work every round even in the following pattern for 6 rounds:

\*Sc in front loop only, sc in back loop only, rep from \* to the end of the round.

**Gator:**

Ch 76 very loosely with larger hook. Sl St to join in circle being careful not to twist the sts. With smaller hook ch 1, sc in every ch to the end of the round, sl st into ch 1 to end round.

Work 1 round in hdc and 1 round in sc until the piece measures 8" ending with a sc round. End off and weave in the loose ends.

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