

Bad Piggie Hat

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This hat is based on the generic flat rounded hat found at <http://kodymayknits.blogspot.com> .

You'll need

Worsted weight wool or acrylic in pea green (about 2/3 of a 100 gram skein), a little light green, white and black.
Size 7 and size 8 needles
Blunt needle

Hat

Note: The nose, ears, and eyes are put on this hat AFTER the basic hat is knit, so the hat is done in only one color – pea green. I used Washable Ewe in "Clover." It's much greener than the picture. The nose was done in Lions Brand Martha Stewart Eucalyptus.

With size 7 needles, cast on 80 (88) st in green.

Do single rib stitch for 3 rows (K1, p1).

Change to size 8 needles.

Starting with a purl row, work in stockinette st until the hat measures 6 ½ inches, ending with a purl row. Then start the decreases:

- *K8 (K9), K2tog* repeat from * to * across.
- *P7 (P8), P2tog* repeat from * to * across.
- *K6 (K7), K2tog* repeat from * to * across.
- *P5 (P6), P2tog* repeat from * to * across.
- *K4 (K5), K2tog* repeat from * to * across.
- *P3 (P4), P2tog* repeat from * to * across.

K2 (K3), K2tog repeat from * to * across.
P1 (P2), P2tog repeat from * to * across.
*K2tog across (*K1, K2tog* repeat from * to * across.)
For larger size only (P2tog across)

Leave an 18" tail to thread through remaining stitches, secure, and sew down the back seam. (I found it easier to sew the back seam AFTER I put on the snout, ears and eyes.)

Snout

Using size 7 needles, cast on 14 stitches in light green.

Row 1: P1 row

Row 2: K1, inc 1 st in next st, k to last 2 st, inc 1 st in next st, k1.

Row 3: P1, inc 1 st in next st, p to last 2 st, inc 1 st in next st, p1.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 24 st ending with a purl row.

Next row: k8, k2 st in BLACK, k4 in GREEN, k2 st in black, k8.

Next row: P7, p4 st in BLACK, p2 in GREEN, p4 in black, p7.

Next row: k7, k4 st in BLACK, k2 in GREEN, k4 st in black, k7.

Next row: P8, p2 st in BLACK p4 in GREEN, p2 st in black, p8.

Next row: K2 tog, k to last 2 st, k2 tog all in GREEN.

Next row: P2 tog, p to last 2 st, p2 tog.

Repeat the previous 2 rows until 14 st remain.

Bind off purlwise leaving an 22 inch tail.

Put a running stitch around the perimeter of the snout and draw in until there is a 2 inch wide opening in the back. Stuff lightly. Find the center front of the hat by tracing down from the 4th "seam" at the top of the hat made by the decrease stitches. Pin the nose with the bottom of the nose 1 ½ inches up from bottom edge of the hat. Check to make sure the nostrils are even horizontally. Sew to the hat.



The running stitch goes through the top edge of the stitches.



The nose from the front.



The back of the nose, stuffed.

Eyes

Using size 7 needles, cast on 8 st in white.

P1 row

K1, inc 1 st in next st, k to last 2 st, inc 1 st in next st, k1.

P1, inc 1 st in next st, p to last 2 st, inc 1 st in next st, p1.

Repeat the previous 2 rows until you have 16 st ending with a purl row.

Work 6 rows in stockinette.

Next row: K2 tog, k to last 2 st, k2 tog.

Next row: P2 tog, p to last 2 st, p2 tog.

Repeat the previous 2 rows until 8 st remain.

Next row: K.

Bind off purlwise, leaving a 20 inch tail.

The pig is sort of wall-eyed. To achieve that look, put a black yarn French knot or a Colonial knot off center. (After making the knot, I tacked it down with black sewing thread to round it out.) Follow the directions you used for the snout. Put a running stitch around the perimeter of the eye, and pull to gather, leaving about a 1 inch hole in the center of the back. Stuff lightly, and position so the bottom of the eye lines up with the top of the nostrils on the snout, and the inside edge of the eye is about ½ inch from the outside edge of the nose (see photo at the beginning of the pattern for placement). Pin in place, with more of the white of the eye at the inside to make him wall-eyed (see photo). Sew in place.

Ears (make 2)

Cast on 8 st in GREEN.

Row 1: P2 in GREEN, p4 in BLACK, p2 in GREEN.

Row 2: K1, inc 1 st in the next st in GREEN, k 4 BLACK, inc 1 st in the next st in GREEN, K1. (10 st)

Row 3: P3 in GREEN, p 4 in BLACK, p3 in GREEN .

Row 4: K1, inc 1 st in the next st in GREEN, k6 in BLACK, inc 1 st in the next st in GREEN, K1. (12 st)

Row 5: P3 in GREEN, p6 in BLACK, p3 in GREEN.

Row 6: K3 in GREEN, k6 in BLACK, k3 in GREEN.

Row 7: P4 in GREEN, p4 in BLACK, p4 in GREEN.

Row 8: Using all GREEN, K2 tog, k across the row to the last 2 st, k2tog. (10 st)

Row 9: P2 tog, p to last 2 st, p2 tog. (8 st)

Row 10: K2tog, k4, k2tog. (6 st)

Row 11: P2tog, p2, p2tog. (4 st)

Row 12: K1, inc 1 st in next st, inc 1 st in next st, k1. (6 st)

Row 13: P1 inc 1 st in next st, p2, inc 1 st in next st, p1. (8 st)

Row 14: K1, inc 1 st in the next st, k4, inc 1 st in next st, k1. (10 st)

Row 15: P1, inc 1 st in the next st, p6, inc 1 st in the next st, p1. (12 st)

Row 16: K

Row 17: P

Row 19: K

Row 20: P

Row 21: K2 tog, K8, K2 tog. (10 st)

Row 22: P

Row 23: K2 tog, k6, k2 tog. (8 st)

Row 24: P

Cast off knitwise. Fold the ear in half, and sew the front and back together. Don't cut the tail. Find the middle stitch where the decreases begin. Then find the second decrease motif on both sides. The ears go between the second and the third decrease motifs. The pig's ears aren't evenly placed on the head. If the top of the hat is "noon," the right ear (as you look at it) goes at about 12:15. The left ear goes at 10:00.

Finishing

Sew the back seam of the hat using the mattress stitch. Tuck in any loose yarn bits and enjoy the bad piggie yourself, or give it to the person who hooked you on playing Angry Birds in the first place!