

For this WATCHCAP, I use Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick yarn; a size 10 or 10-1/2 knitting needle. I normally knit the hat 10-1/2 inches long, then start the decrease according to the directions.

### WATCHCAP

**Cast on 36 stitches.** Work the first row only once. The pattern is formed by repeating Row 2 for the main body of the hat.

**Row 1:** K1, \*bring yarn forward to front of work, **slip** next stitch as if to purl, then knit the next stitch. This will form a sloppy diagonal loop (2 stitches together). Repeat from \*, ending with yarn forward, slip the last stitch as if to purl (the last stitch of each row is always slipped). (53 stitches total).

**Row 2:** K1, \*yarn forward to front of work, slip next stitch as if to purl (this will form a sloppy diagonal loop), then K2 together (the sloppy diagonal loop). Repeat from \*, ending with yarn forward and slip the last stitch as if to purl.

That's it for the main body of the hat!! The stitch in this pattern is called Prime Rib or Brioche Stitch.

**Starting the decrease:** Once you reach the length, simply change to K1, P1 for **4 rows**. On the next row, SSK (slip, slip, knit together) across, which will eliminate the purl stitches. Next, purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row. Next, K2 together across, and thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure. Weave sides together.

**Only one word of warning:** it is virtually impossible to correct a mistake in Prime Rib. Review your hat closely after every row to make sure you have the correct number of stitches.

The Watchcaps are very thick. The recipients of these hats say they are "Ooooh SO WARM"!!

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I also knit hats, scarves and mittens for a children's shelter, and could use help on this "labor of love", also. You can use any pattern you'd like. I get my ideas on the Internet under Lion Brand or Redheart...the patterns are all FREE!!

The best yarn to use is "machine washable, machine dryable". My favorite yarns are Impeccable and Lion Brand, but you can use whatever you'd like.

Happy Knitting!!      Thanks so very much,      Evelyn