

Thorpe

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My husband thinks that this hat with earflaps looks like Jim Thorpe's helmet. It works up quickly in chunky yarn. Braids, as long or as short as you'd like, liven things up. Thorpe is a great pattern to have fun playing with color. Instructions are given for the solid and stranded version of Thorpe. This pattern would also look fantastic worked in stripes of bright colors.

Thorpe is knit from the top down. The garter stitch band and earflaps add thickness for warmth and structure. The crochet provides neatness and supplies a bit of interest to the edge. Don't be afraid of the half double crochet. You will find how to instructions in Debbie Stoller's [Stitch and Bitch Crochet](#), through a quick Google search or in any good crochet book.

SIZE:

Solid Hat: S, M, L

Stranded Hat: One Size.

****Please note:** Due to the nature of the stranded pattern, only one size is given. You may adjust the size by using a heavier or lighter weight yarn and adjusting the gauge.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Solid Hat: 17.5(20, 22)'' /

44(50,56) cm

Stranded Hat: 19'' / 48cm

MATERIALS:

Yarn for Solid Hat: Malabrigo

Chunky 1(1, 2) Skeins

Contrast band and braids about half a skein

Yarn for Stranded Hat: Araucania

Nature Wool Chunky, 1 Skein each of MC and CC, about half a skein of a third color for the contrast trim and braids.

Needles: One pair US 9(5.5mm), 16'' circular and one set of 5 US size 9(5.5mm) DPN's or size to obtain gauge.

Crochet Hook: G (4.5mm)

Tapestry needle

Stitch markers

Stitch holder

GAUGE:

Solid Hat: 14.5 stitches = 4'' in stockinette

Stranded Hat: 15 stitches = 4'' in stranded pattern.



Instructions For Solid Hat

Crown

Using DPN's, cast on 4 stitches. Place one stitch on each of 4 needles, Join to work in the round.

Round 1: Knit into front and back (Kfb) of each stitch (8 stitches total)

You may place stitch markers between each stitch at this point to mark the location of your increases.

Round 2: Kfb of each stitch (16 stitches total)

Round 3: *(Kfb, knit 1) repeat from * to end of round (24 stitches total)

Round 4: *(Kfb, Knit 2) repeat from * to end of round (32 stitches total)

Round 5: Knit

Round 6: *(Kfb, Knit 3) repeat from * to end of round (40 stitches total)

Round 7: Knit

Round 8: *(Kfb, Knit 4) repeat from * to end of round (48 stitches total)

Round 9: Knit

Round 10: *(Kfb, Knit 5) repeat from * to end of round (56 stitches total)

Round 11: Knit

When the hat gets too big to work easily on the DPN's you may switch to the circular needle.

Round 12: *(Kfb, Knit 6) repeat from * to end of round (64 stitches total)

****Stop increasing here for size small.**

Round 13: Knit

Round 14: *(Kfb, Knit 7) repeat from * to end of round (72 stitches total)

****Stop increasing here for size medium.**

Round 15: Knit

Round 16: *(Kfb, Knit 8) repeat from * to end of round (80 stitches total)

****Stop increasing here for size large.**

All Sizes: Continue to work in the round in stockinette stitch until the hat measures 6 (6.5,7)" from top.

Brim

Begin to work in garter stitch (one row knit, one row purl) until you have 4 (4,5) garter ridges. (A garter ridge is made up of two rounds, one knit and one purl.)

Next round (on a knit round): bind off 24(28, 30) stitches, knit to end of round.

Begin to work back and forth. Note that the slipped stitches at the beginning of the following rows will give you a clean edge to crochet into.

Next row (WS): Slip 1, knit to end.

Next row (RS): Slip 1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Next row (WS): Slip 1, knit to end.

Next row (RS): Slip 1, ssk, knit 10(11,12), place these 12(13,14) stitches on a holder, bind off 12(14,18), knit to 3 stitches from the end, k2tog, k1. 12 (13, 14) stitches remain on the needle.

Earflaps

Continue in garter stitch, slipping first stitch and working back and forth on the 12(13,14) stitches that remain on the needle for a total of 10(11,11) garter ridges (including the ridges in the brim).

Next row (RS): Slip 1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Next row (WS): Slip 1, knit to end.

Next row (RS): Slip 1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1.

Next row (WS): Slip 1, knit to end.

Next row: Bind off.

Place remaining stitches on needles, attach yarn and make second earflap.

Weave in ends.

Crochet Border

Using contrast yarn, half double crochet into each stitch all the way around, join the last stitch to the first and weave in the ends.

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Braids

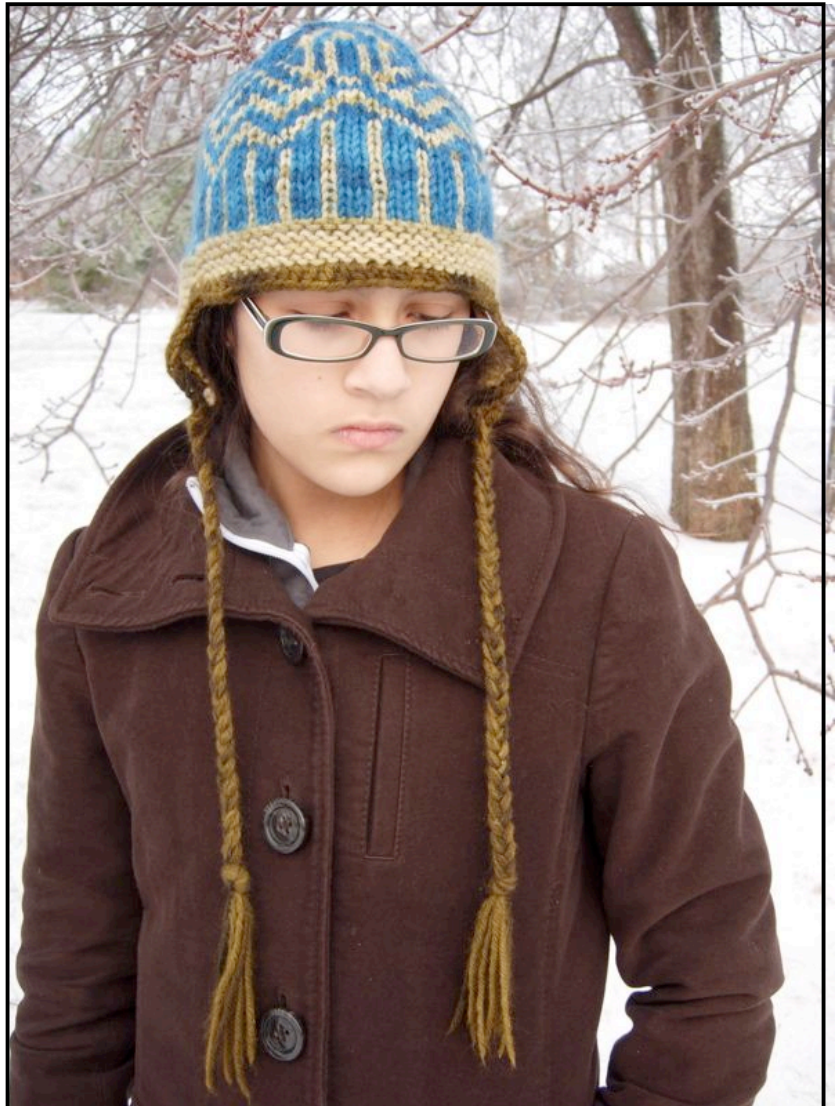
Cut 6 pieces of yarn 40” long. Loop the pieces through each of six crochet stitches at the bottom of the earflaps. Braid the pieces to desired length, and trim the ends neatly.

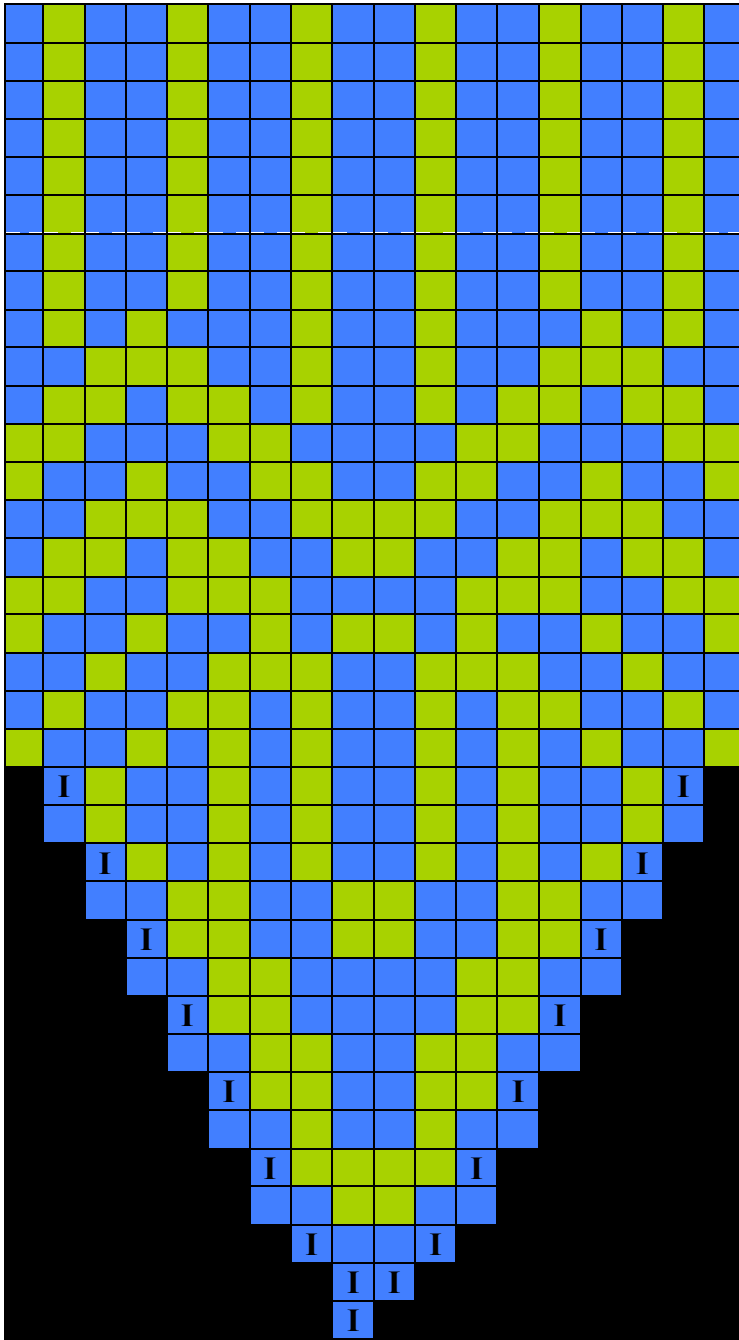
STRANDED HAT




Using DPN’s, cast on 4 stitches. Place one stitch on each of 4 needles, Join to work in the round.

Work from chart, increasing at each “I” as indicated on the chart. You may customize the length of the hat by adjusting the number of “stripe” rows.

Once the chart is completed, change the beginning of the round to five stitches before the previous start of the round and work as for size Medium in solid hat using contrast color. Be sure to knit the first round of the contrast color for a clean transition between the colors.





 Main Color (MC)	 No Stitch
 Contrast Color (CC)	 Increase by knitting into the front and back