

My Little Ponyhat Kiddie Cap a *Naughty Needles* bonus pattern by Nikol Lohr



Photo: Brian Buscemi.

This pattern is a variation on the Giddyup Pony Hood, originally designed for Naughty Needles, but cut for space.

Sizing

Child's M (L)

Where no parentheses are used, instructions/quantities apply to all sizes.

Yarn, etc.

[A] 2 balls Knit Picks Merino Style (50g, 123 yd, 100% Merino wool), Petal

[B] 1 hank Knit Picks Sierra (70% Wool, 30% Superfine Alpaca; 110yd; 100 g), Natural (or sub about 50g chunky yarn from your stash)

1 set 1" D-rings, plain or with rhinestones

Gauge

4" = 14.5 st in stockinette st

Needles

US 9 (5.25mm) needles

J crochet hook

Note: All M1=invisible increase

Instructions

Collar

CO 48 st.

Row 1-5: Sl 1, *K1 P1 to 1 st from end; K1.

Row 6: BO 18 st knitwise, knit to end—30 st.

Row 7: BO 2 and K to end of row—28 st

Shape hood

- All increases are invisible M1, placed 1 st to either side of marker on even rows.
- Count stitches after increase rows: Row 2—32 st; Row 4—36; Row 6—40, Row 8—44; Row 10—48.

Row 1: Sl 1, K2, P6, PM, P10, PM, P6, K3.

Row 2 (and all even): Sl 1 K to 1 st before marker, M1, K2 (slipping marker), M1, K to 1 st before marker, M1, K2 (slipping marker), M1 K to end.

Row 3 (and all odd): Sl 1, K2, P to 3 st from end, K3.

Row 11: Sl 1, K2, P42, K3

Row 12: Sl 1 K47

Repeat last 2 rows 3 (5) more times.

Forehead

Row 1: Sl 1 K2 P42 K3 CO 12—60 st

Row 2: K60

Row 3: K3 P42 K 15

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 two more times

Work 2 (6) more rows in stockinette

Shape Crown

Row 1: *K2tog K4 repeat from * to end—50 st

Row 2: (and all even rows until Row 11): Purl.

Row 3: *K2tog K3 repeat from * to end—40 st

Row 5: *K2tog K2 repeat from * to end—30st

Row 7: *K2tog K1 repeat from * to end—20st

Row 9: *K2tog repeat from * to end—10st

Row 11: *PK2tog repeat from * to end—5

Break yarn, leaving 12" tail.

With yarn needle, run yarn through 5 remaining live st, then seam forehead and weave in end.

Collar

Slip D-rings through short nub end of collar, and sew nub down to inside.

Mane

Cut a few different lengths of Yarn B, hook them onto the crown and back of the hood, and see what length suits you. I used longer for the center, and a row of shorter fringer along the front and sides of the mane

Then, using a piece of cardboard cut to size, wind and cut Yarn B to desired length for a mane. With a crochet hook, fringe hood from crown to collar. Start with one row along the center and work outwards until you achieve your desired mane.

Ears (Make 2)

CO 10

Row 1: Sl 1, K to end

Row 2: Sl 1, P to 1 st from end, K1

Repeat rows 1 & 2

Row 5: Sl 1, K2, ssk, K2tog, K3—8 st

Repeat Row 2

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, twice

Row 11: Sl 1, K1, ssk, K2tog, K2—6 st

Repeat Row 2

Row 13: Sl 1, ssk, k2tog, K1—4st

Row 14: P2tog, ssp

K2tog, break yarn, and pull through.

Sew to top of hat on either side of mane.