

# No-Gauge Top Down Kufi

## Knitting Pattern

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Tired of gauge swatches? Want to knit a hat with your choice of yarn weight and needle size? Try this top-down pattern. You can knit a traditional hat that covers the ears, or a kufi-style (above the ears). Because you knit from the top down you can try-on and adjust as you go! Experiment with stitch styles and borders, too!

### Supplies:

I used Berroco Jasper merino wool, color: Verde Lavras 3833, and size 6 needles. Whatever size needle you choose, use double points. You can switch to a 16" circular as you knit, if desired.

### Sizes:

Standard Method fits about a 22"-23" head. Freestyle Method fits your choice of size!



## The How-to:

### **Standard Method** (to fit a 22-23" head size):

Cast on 8 sts with your choice of yarn and needle size, using double-point needles. Divide stitches evenly onto 4 needles. Join, knit one round, careful not to twist.

Round 2: \*kfb, k 1\* all around (you can use any increase method you choose instead of kfb)

Round 3: k1, kfb, k1 on each needle

Round 4: knit

Round 5-6: k to last 2 sts on each needle, then kfb, k1.

Round 7: knit

Round 8-9: repeat Round 5-6

Round 10: repeat Round 7.

Continue in this manner, knitting 1 round, then working increases for 2 rounds. You are knitting more of a square than a circle at this point. Continue until piece measures 9.25-9.5" from one corner, diagonally to other corner, when layed flat. Now knit every round, no increasing, until hat measures desired length.

### **Freestyle Method** (to fit custom head size):

Measure around the head of the wearer, where you want the bottom edge of the hat to end. (A traditional kufi comes to just above the ears. For a regular hat, you may want the hat to cover the ears.) Take this measurement and subtract about 2". Write down this number. This is your **circumference number**.

Cast on and work rounds as for Standard Method. Measure from one corner diagonally to the other, with the piece laid flat and unstretched. Multiply the measurement by pi (3.14). Continue working until the measurement multiplied by pi equals your circumference number. Then stop working increase rounds, just knit every round until hat measures desired length.

**For both methods**, you can finish with a few rounds of k2,p2 ribbing, seed st, etc and bind off. I single crochet around an 1/8" width of oval elastic, in a loop to your desired circumference. This makes a snug, secure fit with concealed elastic.

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