

bigger woolly hats



1. Locate comfy rocking chair (preferably by an open log fire).
2. Using double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 41 stitches.
3. These hats are a little trickier to start. For the first row, you need to knit in rib (knit 1, purl 1, knit 1) and continue all the way to the end of the row.
4. For the second row, you need to reverse the pattern (purl 1, knit 1, purl 1 etc) all the way to the end of the row. Repeat this pattern until you have 5 neat rows.
5. Then, starting with a knit row, work in stocking stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) for 12 more rows.
6. For the next row, knit 2 together to the end (21 stitches). Then for the row after that, knit 2 together again (11 stitches). For the final row, knit 2 together again (6 stitches).
7. When you're finished, cut the yarn, leaving about 30cm. Using a big sewing needle, thread the end of the yarn through the loops and remove the knitting needle (fig. A).
8. Tighten the yarn (fig. B) and sew the hat together at the side (fig. C). Once finished, turn it right side out so that the seam you've just sewn runs up the inside.
9. Sew a little bobble on the top. Or maybe some googly eyes on the front. Or even jazz it up with a bit of tinsel. Go crazy. Go wild. Stay woollen.

