

## BASIC SLOUCH



### Materials:

Needles: #8 (16") circular needles

#8 double point needles (dpns)

Yarn: 200-250 yards of any yarn from the Knots of Love's [approved list of yarns](#).

Tapestry needle

**Abbreviation:** kfb = Knit in front and back of the same stitch to increase: Knit 1 stitch as usual but don't slip stitch off the left needle, then knit into the back loop of the same stitch, then slip both stitches off.

### Instructions:

Using #8 needles, cast on 80 stitches. Being careful not to twist, and form a circle.

#### Brim:

K1, P1 until piece measures 1 inch.

**Pattern:** The remainder of the cap is worked in the knit stitch.

Increase to 88 sts by \*K9, kfb; repeat from \* around.

Knit all rounds until the cap measures 7 inches.

**Decrease:** Change to dpns as needed:

**Rnd 1:** \*K9, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnds 2, 4, 6, 8, 10:** K around

**Rnd 3:** \*K8, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 5:** \*K7, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 7:** \*K6, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 9:** \*K5, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 11:** \*K4, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 12:** \*K3, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 13:** \*K2, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 14:** \*K1, K2tog; repeat from \* around.

**Rnd 15:** K2tog around.

(**Rnd 16:** K2tog, if desired) Do this row if fewer stitches are desired for sewing closed.

Cut yarn, leaving 12" tail. Place yarn on a tapestry needle and thread stitches from dpns to cinch cap closed. Knot and weave in ends.



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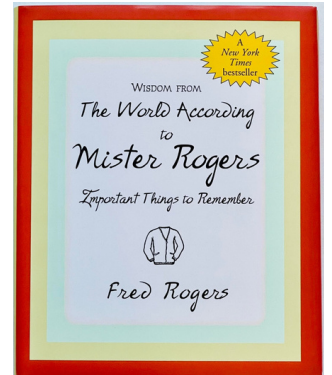
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