

## HEDY'S LEFTOVER-YARN HAT

Separate your yarns in two piles (or bags or baskets or whatever): light colors and dark colors. I use pieces as short as 4 inches.

With a solid color (I prefer a dark color), circular needles (or double pointed needles) cast on and knit about 1 to 1 ½ inches of ribbing. I use size 4 needles for this, and cast on 80 stitches. Put a marker at the end of the row.

Now the fun starts: use your leftover yarns, tie them together when one piece ends or you want to change to another color in the same pile. I knit right over the knot, but "weave in" the ends only when I get to the knot in the next row. If a yarn seems to thin, I double it up or run it together with another thin yarn.

For the pattern part, change to larger needles (I use size 6).

Row 1: with the lighter color \*Knit 3, slip one as if to purl\*, repeat the pattern between the asterisk until end of row.

Row 2: as row 1.

Rows 3 and 4: knit.

Row 5: change to darker color, knit 1 \*slip one as if to purl, knit 3\*, repeat pattern between asterisks until end of the row.

Row 6: same as row 5

Row 7 and 8: knit

Repeat these rows until you have about 5 to 6 inches or whatever you think will work

Change to the solid color, and divide the stitches into 4 parts; put marker at the divisions (20 stitches each). Then knit in rounds and decrease 1 stitch (knit 2 together) at each of the markers until you have on 4 stitches left, cut your yarn, pull the tail through the remaining stitches and secure on the wrong side.