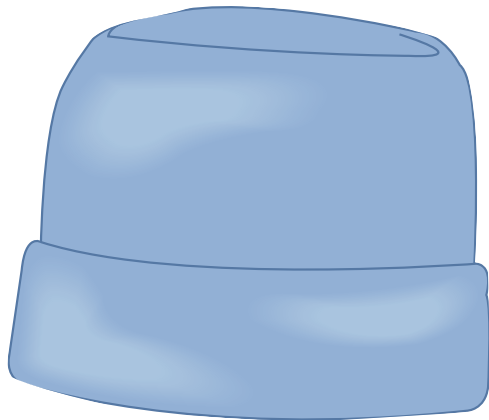


The Creative Kindness Easy Hat

Basic Cuffed Style



The Creative Kindness Easy Hat is just that: as easy to make as it is easy to wear. The soft self-cuff adds flattering dimension, framing the face. This is a great project for all ages and skill levels, requiring only two main pattern pieces, straight stitching, and mere minutes of assembly time.

Materials Needed:

- ½ yard of light-to-mid weight fleece or knit fabric, such as Polartec® 100, interlock, ponté, Lycra®-cotton blend, or any other soft, stretchy knit. Most wide-width knits (54" or wider) will yield two hats.
- Matching all-purpose thread

Helpful Notions:

- Rotary cutter, mat, and ruler

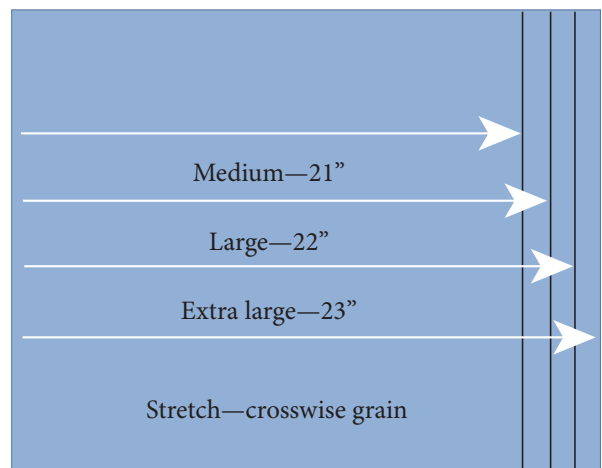
Making the Hat:

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all seams are a generous ¼". (On most sewing machines, that's the width from the needle to the edge of the standard all-purpose foot.)

1. Cut out the pattern pieces from the fabric. The following instructions will make one hat. If desired, cut several hats at one time by stacking fabrics. Then stitch each individually.

- Cut one side section, with longer (circumference) dimension parallel to the stretchiest (crosswise) grain. The amount of stretch the fabric has will influence the circumference sizing. Stretchier knits can be cut smaller, whereas more stable knits may need to be cut larger. General recommendation, if sewing hats for charity: Make the medium size when using stretchy knits such as lightweight fleece, and the large size when using more stable double knits and interlock knits.

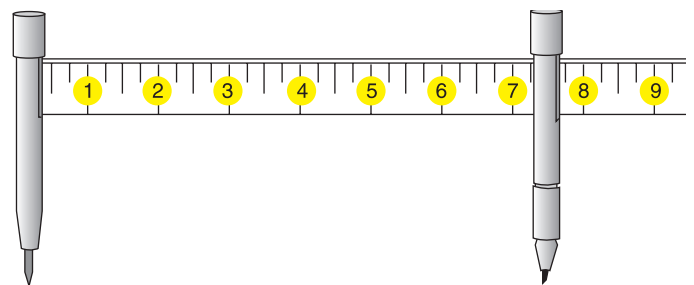
- Small: Cut side 18" x 20".
- Medium: Cut side 18" x 21".
- Large: Cut side 18" x 22".
- Extra large: Cut side 18" x 23".



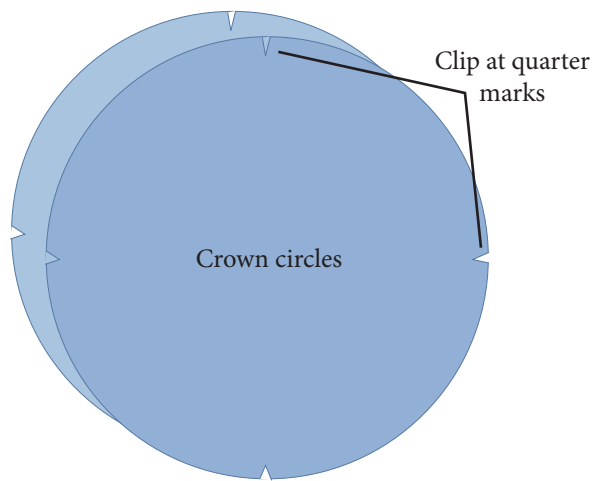
- Cut, mark, and pin together two 7½" circles for the crown. One circle will line the other circle, and they will be sewn as one.

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Use a Yardstick Compass to effortlessly make perfect circles. Attach the two adjustable aluminum holders to a yardstick or a 12" ruler, positioning the holder with the metal point at one end of the ruler. This will be the center of the circle. Determine the size of the circle by dividing the circle's diameter by 2. Place the holder with the lead point at that position.



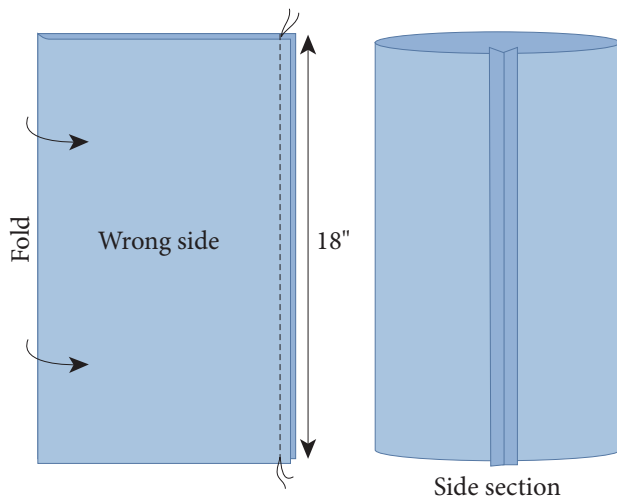
- Quarter fold both crown circles. Quarter-mark the outer edge of each circle by making a small $\frac{1}{4}$ " clip at the edge of each fold.



- Pin the circles wrong sides together, matching the quarter marks.
- Optional: For thick or textured knits, minimize slippage by machine basting the two circles together a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the raw edges.

2. Create and mark the side section.

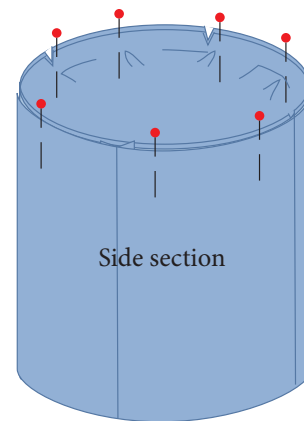
- Join short ends of the side section, right sides together, with a generous $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Finger press the seam open.



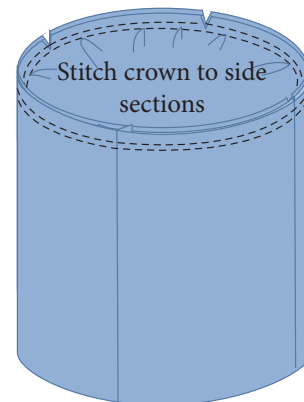
- Fold the tube wrong sides together, aligning the seamlines and raw edges.
- Quarter fold the tube, using the seam as one of the quarter marks. Make small $\frac{1}{4}$ " clips at quarter marks.
- Optional: For thick or textured knits, minimize slippage by machine basting a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " to hold the raw edges evenly together.

3. Join the side section to the crown.

- Pin the side section to the crown, right sides together, matching the quarter marks.



- Straight stitch the side section to the crown. Stitch the seam allowances together a generous $\frac{1}{8}$ " from the seamline. Trim close to the stitching to neaten the edges. Or, serge the seam to stitch and trim in one step.



4. Turn the hat right side out. It's ready to wear!

- Fold the cuff up about $2\frac{1}{2}$ " or as desired.