LETYOUCRAFT | CHRISTMAS KNITS

10 Classic Santa Hat

Slouching pointed Santa hat with knitted ribbed brim



DIGITAL KNITTING PATTERN ONLY - NO PHYSICAL GARMENT SHIPPED

Calculated design targets. No physical prototype or test knitting has been completed.

Included sizes: 2, 4 and 6 years

Project overview, size and materials

Classic Santa Hat | Confident beginner | Sizes 2 / 4 / 6 years | seamless Santa hat with bent tapered tip

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Recommended yarn

Worsted red and ivory; 80 / 100 / 120 m red plus 45-60 m ivory

Gauge and swatch

20 sts x 28 rounds in 10 cm blocked stockinette, 4.5 mm

Before starting: knit a swatch of the exact stated stitch pattern on the working needles, making a square at least 15 cm across. Wash or block as permitted by the yarn label, dry flat, and measure stitches and rows across a centered 10 cm. Change needles and re-swatch as needed. Use the actual blocked fabric gauge, not the photo, to choose final size.

Needles and equipment

4 mm rib circular, 4.5 mm circular / DPNs, pompom maker, tapestry needle

Size chart (centimeters and inches)

Age	Head target	Hat target*	Hat height	CO sts
2 years	48.0 cm / 18.9 in	44.0 cm / 17.3 in	29.3 cm / 11.5 in	88
4 years	52.0 cm / 20.5 in	48.0 cm / 18.9 in	32.1 cm / 12.6 in	96
6 years	56.0 cm / 22.0 in	52.0 cm / 20.5 in	35.0 cm / 13.8 in	104

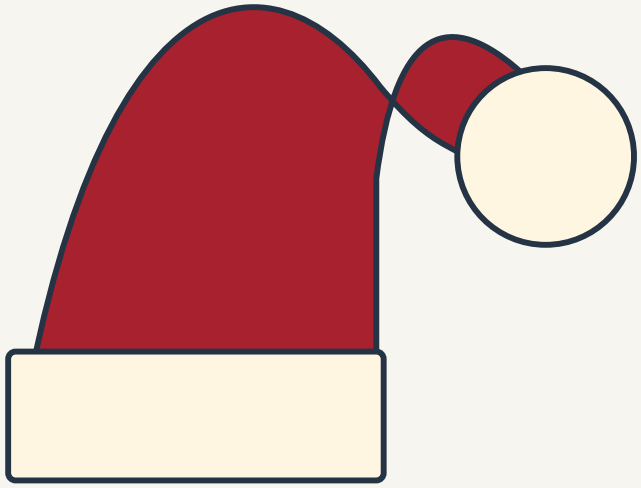
*Circumference computed at stockinette gauge; actual recovery of 2x2 rib must be checked for negative ease.

Construction schematic

Front/back views or multi-angle garment views, structural shape, recognisable motifs, and stitch-count checkpoints. Follow the counted instructions for the actual fabric.

ILLUSTRATED DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION REFERENCE

Vector diagrams show intended design features; stitch and row counts take precedence.



White 2x2 ribbed brim • red elongated taper • soft bent point

Ivory pompom stitched securely through multiple top stitches

CO 88 / 96 / 104 in ivory 2x2 rib

Eight-sector crown taper with 10 / 11 / 12 dec rounds

Soft curved point with optional secured pompom

Hat height 29.3 / 32.1 / 35.0 cm

Abbreviations and techniques

Term	Definition
CO / BO	Cast on / bind off.
RS / WS	Right side / wrong side.
k / p	Knit / purl.
st / sts / rnd	Stitch / stitches / round.
k2tog	Knit two stitches together; decreases one.
pm / sm / BOR	Place marker / slip marker / beginning of round.
2x2 rib	Repeat knit two, purl two around.
Circular stockinette	Knit every round on right side.
Gather closure	Thread yarn through remaining eight top stitches twice and secure.

Technique and sizing notes

Work only in the round; there is no duplicate-stitch chart or sewn mattress seam. Keep eight crown sectors marked during shaping and fasten the optional pompom securely.

Complete row-by-row construction

Read each size independently. Work the shaping intervals exactly; color overlays never alter fabric stitch counts.

White ribbed brim: using smaller circular needle and ivory, CO 88 (96,104) sts loosely. Place BOR marker and carefully join into a circle, with cast-on edge completely untwisted. Rounds 1-16: repeat *k2,p2* all the way around. Counts remain 88 (96,104).

Red body: switch to main 4.5 mm and red yarn. Knit EVERY round in stockinette through Round 42 (46,50) counted from CO. All 88 (96,104) stitches remain. There are 26 (30,34) consecutive red plain rounds after the white rib.

Crown marker setup: divide live round into exactly EIGHT sectors, 11 (12,13) stitches apiece; put a marker after each section (BOR itself serves as one marker). Place no extra increases. At each decrease round, knit until TWO sts before next sector marker, k2tog, slip marker; repeat across all eight sectors. You decrease precisely 8 sts per decrease round, with 1 stitch removed from each section.

Exact decreases: size 2: decrease on Rounds 43,47,51,55,59,63,67,71,75,79 (10 rounds). Size 4: decrease on Rounds 47,51,55,59,63,67,71,75,79,83,87 (11 rounds). Size 6: decrease on Rounds 51,55,59,63,67,71,75,79,83,87,91,95 (12 rounds). ALL intervening rounds are knit plain. After the final decrease there are 8 live stitches in every size.

Point closure: knit three additional plain rounds over the remaining 8 stitches: size 2 Rounds 80-82, size 4 Rounds 88-90, size 6 Rounds 96-98. Cut 20 cm tail, pass through 8 live sts twice with tapestry needle, pull closed and secure inside. These last three tiny rounds create a soft point; allow the top to bend naturally.

Ivory pompom: wrap ivory yarn about 100 times around a 5 cm / 2 in pompom template (wraps depend on yarn thickness). Tie FIRMLY through center with doubled strong yarn, cut, trim into a smooth 4.5-5 cm ball; use both long tie ends to sew the center of the pompom through 6-8 top stitches repeatedly. Add several anchoring passes inside. Pompom is decorative, not a toy; omit for infants or where snagging/detachment is a concern.

Finished size checkpoint: after crown shaping there are 8 stitches. The final hat heights before soft drape are approximately 29.3 (32.1,35.0) cm / 11.5 (12.6,13.8) in.

Santa hat color and crown placement

Santa hat: color and shaping

Work WHITE 2x2 rib through Round 16, then change to RED on Round 17. Sector decreases begin at Rounds 43 / 47 / 51 depending on size, leaving 8 stitches in all sizes. The long RED tip should bend naturally to one side; the WHITE pompom is optional and must be sewn securely through multiple gathered stitches or omitted for child safety.

Assembly, finishing and blocking

Weave each yarn end into the WS for at least 5 cm (2 in), reverse direction, and trim only when secure. Keep finishing tension smooth and avoid scratchy knots.

Blocking: soak only if fiber label permits, press water out in a towel, shape to the target measurements without aggressive stretching, and dry completely flat. A swatch establishes how your yarn responds; blocking cannot reliably correct significant gauge errors.

Care: Hand wash when a pompom is attached; dry on a towel, reshaping the point while damp.

No seams. Secure the center of the pompom to the gathered tip, not to a single stitch. Weave color join ends through the WS of the white rib, then reverse direction. Block the lower part of the hat on a form close to intended head circumference and let the long point lie to one side; do not press the fluffy pompom with an iron.

Final customer checklist

[ ] Check white k2/p2 rib is untwisted and elastic. [ ] Count 88 (96,104) stitches before crown shaping. [ ] Confirm eight sectors decrease equally at every scheduled round.

[ ] Count 8 stitches before gathering the point. [ ] Secure the pompom firmly, or omit it for safety. [ ] Check folded point and ribbed fit on intended head size. [ ] Weave all yarn ends on the wrong side. [ ] Block gently to correct brim circumference and height.

Troubleshooting

Issue Solution

Gauge differs Use a larger needle for too many stitches per 10 cm; smaller for too few. Re-swatch in the specified fabric.

Stitch count off Count at each listed increase/decrease checkpoint; undo to the last correct row before continuing.

Brim too snug Swatch k2/p2 rib for recovery, then use a stretchier CO if needed.

Crown count wrong Decrease one stitch in each of the 8 sections on every listed shaping round.

Pompom pulls point Sew its center through many top stitches; use a softer smaller pompom if heavy.

Finished size incorrect Compare gauge and completed row/st counts to chart; assess blocking swatch before adjusting.

Customer notes

These are calculated design targets, not test-knitted measurements. Compare your blocked gauge, intended ease, finished garment size and decorations against wearer needs before use.