

The Gilfeather Turnip Hat Pattern, Size Chart, Photos, and Info 3 pages

Gilfeather Turnip Festival Wardsboro VT

Gilfeatherturnip.org – event website

YARN TYPE

Use wool, merino, baby alpaca, acrylic, wool-acrylic blends, cotton, cotton blends. Just remember what kinds of yarn you used so that you can write it on a tag when you have finished each hat you donate.

COLORS – see photo at the end of the pattern.

MAIN COLOR- FOR HAT BOTTOM

use off white, cream, very light tan

FOR HAT TOP GREEN – use one or two colors of green, or variegated green yarn

FOR ATTACHED LEAVES – same or different greens

FOR ROOTS – Optional detail to add - dark tan, brown

Use regular worsted weight yarn (not sock yarn or fine yarn or sport yarn) and NEEDLE SIZE 6 or SIZE 7 circular or a set of double pointed needles. If you use a circular needle you will still need DP needles at the end.

USING MAIN COLOR YARN ONLY cast on 72 stitches (not too tightly) for a baby size.

80 stitches for a larger hat, and for bigger hats cast on any multiple of 8 stitches —88—96 (which would be really XXXL) or only 64 for a tiny hat and adjust the counting in steps 1 through 13 accordingly. There is no specific gauge for this pattern as everyone knits differently. See chart on P2 and measure as you go.

Start with 1 slip knot then cast on the # of stitches.

Join stitches, but remove the first slip knot, marking the end of the round with a stitch marker. Make sure the stitches are not twisted around the needles. If you are having trouble knitting the first row, then your cast on may be too tight.

Knit until length desired. See size guide on next page as a basic reference. The bottom cast on edge is designed to roll up into a brim. Again, see size guide on next page.

Next start working in two colors with the green yarn - keeping the stitch marker in place at the first stitch to mark each round.

Always switch colors by bringing the yarn under the prior color. Carry back yarns **loosely** so the hat will still stretch.

1. K1 green, K7 main color, repeat this sequence for the whole round
2. K3 green (one on either side of single green stitches on row above), K5 main color, repeat
3. K5 green, K3 main color, repeat
4. K7 green, K1 main color, repeat.

Drop the main color. Leave a long tail to weave in ends.

Now working all in green, begin decreasing:
(COLOR – can be the same green or a different green – whatever looks good to you.)

Switch to the DP needles for these decreases.

5. K6, K2tog, repeat for the whole round
 6. K5, K2tog, repeat
 7. K4, K2tog, repeat
 8. K3, K2tog, repeat
 9. K2, K2tog, repeat
 10. K1, K2tog, repeat
 11. K2tog all the way round.
 12. If you have more than 6 stitches decrease again. It's ok to have only 4 stitches for the next step.
 13. Knit one more row on the remaining stitches.
- Put all the remaining stitches on one DP needle, all facing the same way with the working yarn on the far left end. Hold it so that the RIGHT SIDE is facing you.

FINISH

Knit an I-cord on the remaining stitches to form a short “stalk” – 1 inch or so. Using a darning needle, run yarn through the remaining stitches twice to close up the top of the stalk.

Option: continue and knit a leaf shape right off the top of the I-cord. See next page for leaves.

Weave in ends on the inside of the hat, except on the brim - because it rolls up, you will want to weave in the end of the yarn from the cast on row on the outside so that it does not show when the brim rolls up.
Block lightly.

Allow brim (cast on edge) to roll up.

How to Knit a Simple Leaf

Work in Stockinette stitch –this means knit the right side and purl the wrong side.

Use a smaller size double pointed needle to pick up 4 stitches at the top of the hat. This way you don't have to sew them on one by one afterwards.

Knit first row (right side)

Purl the next row (wrong side)

Turn and increase one stitch at each end of the Knit row. This is an increase of 2 stitches.

Continue and repeat increases only on the Knit row (right side) until you think the leaf is wide enough, usually 8 to 10 stitches wide for a small sized hat, or for a larger sized hat, possibly 10 or 12 stitches wide.

Decide how long you want the leaf to be and work 1, 2, 3 or more rows without increasing.

Next, on every row, begin decreasing on both the right side and wrong side of the leaf at the beginning of the row. The leaf will get narrower very quickly as you are decreasing 2 stitches on every row.

When there is one stitch left, cut a long tail and pass it through the last stitch.

Use a darning needle to run the yarn through the stitches down the back of the leaf (like the veins on a leaf) and then down into the hat.

Turn the hat inside out and weave in the ends.

Weave white yarns into the white part of the hat, weave green yarns into the green parts so they don't show.

Make 3, 4 or 5 leaves around the very top of the hat – as many as you think looks good.

Standard hat sizing			
			
Sizes	Crown Width	Height	Circumference
Preemie	3-3.5"	4"	12-13"
Newborn - 3mths	4-4.5"	5-5.5"	13-14"
3-6 Months	5"	6"	14-15"
6-12 Months	5.25"	6.25"	15.5-16.5"
12-24 Months	5.5-6"	6.5-7"	16-18"
Toddler	6"	7-7.5"	18-19"
Child	6.5"	7.5-8"	19-21"
Teen / Small Adult	6.5-7"	8"	21"
Medium Adult	7-7.25"	8.5"	22"
Large Adult	7.5"	8.5-9"	23"

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Add 3 or 4
leaves here

Add some
little brown
“roots” here

L + R sides
above both
ears



Based on the pattern for this strawberry hat
which is no longer available online.

Make hat. Block lightly. Allow brim (cast on edge) to roll up.

Make several leaves. Big or small. All the same green or different greens. Block the leaves lightly so they will stay flat.

Make “ROOTS” – using short lengths of yarn in tan, or light brown, or any combination of colors, loop 6 or so “roots” loosely clustered around each side of the hat above where the wearer’s ears would be. Trim roots to look fringy.

**PLEASE — ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR HAT THAT SAYS
WHAT TYPES OF YARNS YOU USED (wool, acrylic, cotton, etc. etc.)
AND WHAT SIZE YOU THINK IT IS SUPPOSED TO BE –
Baby, Toddler, Child, Adult, XLarge Adult**

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to buy new books and media, run public programs for children and adults,
and all the fun stuff we do at the Library.

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GilfeatherTurnip.org**

**The Library’s Knitting Group meets every Wednesday afternoon
from 2:30 to 4ish at the big table at the Library. Stop by if you need help with the pattern
or just want to knit with others!**

**Please share this pattern with folks you know who might also knit hats for the
Wardsboro Public Library’s Gilfeather Turnip Festival! Thank you.**