

# How to knit a little hat

Knitting is not as daunting as it looks and by the time you're done, you'll have raised money for charity and got some new skills. Bingo.

We have a guide on how to cast below. But if you need more help perhaps you check out youtube.com for some great casting on/knitting and purling tips or ask a local knitter.

you'll need this stuff:



wool



small knitting  
needles  
(3 1/4 mm - 4mm)



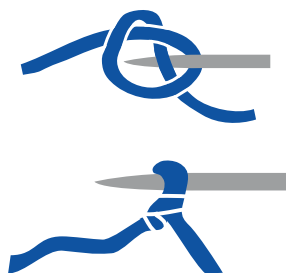
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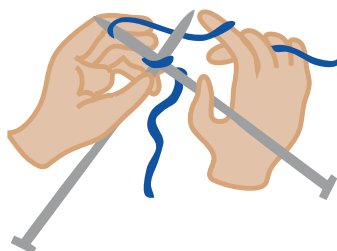
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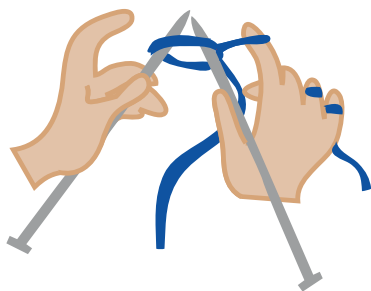
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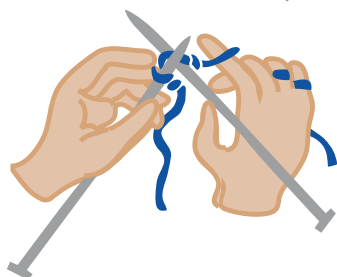
First off you need to make a slip knot - this will be your first stitch. Make a loop as shown in the picture and pop the needle through. Pull on the loop and as it gets bigger, pull on the tail to tighten. You should now have one stitch on your left-hand needle and are ready to make another.



To cast on, insert the right-hand needle into the stitch loop and lay the wool across. To control the yarn hold it as shown in the picture, over the forefinger, under the middle finger, over the last finger and then loop it around the little finger. You might need a bit of patience but you'll be a better person for it.



Pull a new loop through the first loop and then slide it onto the left-hand needle.



You now have two stitches on the left-hand needle. Don't worry if your stitches are slightly different sizes, even tension comes with a little practice. Pat yourself on the back, but only after you've put your knitting down.