

# PAM

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The Pam is a fun hat that uses up lots of scraps. It's knit in the round, so no seaming! And forget about trying to hide your joins. With the Pam, they're intentionally exposed. One size fits most heads.

## MATERIALS

Scraps of worsted weight yarn  
Size 8 (5mm) circular knitting needles  
Size 8 (5mm) DPNs  
Stitch marker  
Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

Because you will be using scraps, I have not listed a gauge. Even though you will be using scraps of the same type, not all will be the exact same weight, so a specific gauge will be pointless.

## ABBREVIATIONS

CO - cast on  
STS - stitches  
K - knit  
P - purl  
K2tog - knit the next two stitches together

## INSTRUCTIONS

With color of your choice, CO 88 sts. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches. Place the stitch marker to mark the beginning of the rows.

K2P2 for 8 rows (or K1P1, your preference)

Until you get to the decreases for shaping the crown, all you will be doing is knitting in the round, changing colors as you like. Simply cut your yarn as you get close to where you want to change to a new color and tie on your next yarn, making sure that



when you knit the knot, turn the ends out to the right side of the hat, exposing them. Leave about 2.5" of yarn, which you will be trimming after the hat is finished.

Keep knitting in this manner, changing yarns as you feel the need until hat measures 5.5" to 6" from CO edge.

At the beginning of the next round you will start your decreases, while still joining yarn as needed. Switch to DPNs when it becomes too difficult to keep knitting on circulars.

Row 1: [K9, K2tog] repeat around (80 sts)

Row 2: knit around

Row 3: [K8, K2tog] repeat around (72 sts)

Row 4: knit around

Row 5: [K7, K2tog] repeat around (64 sts)

Row 6: knit around

Row 7: [K6, K2tog] repeat around (56 sts)

Row 8: knit around

Row 9: [K5, K2tog] repeat around (48 sts)

Row 10: knit around

Row 11: [K4, K2tog] repeat around (40 sts)

Row 12: knit around

Row 13: [K3, K2tog] repeat around (32 sts)

Row 14: knit around

Row 15: [K2, K2tog] repeat around (24 sts)

Row 16: knit around

Row 17: [K1, K2tog] repeat around (16 sts)

Row 18: knit around

Row 19: [K2tog] repeat around (8 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving about an 8" tail to weave in though remaining loops. No need to hide the tail, either! Just secure the yarn and trim it to between 1.5" to 2". Trim the rest of the ties to the same length. If it looks like there are some empty spots on the hat, simply thread your tapestry needle with a scrap of yarn and fill in the blanks by threading the scrap through one of the loops in the hat, tying it off and trimming to the length of the other ties.

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