

The Snowberry Beanie

the perfect little home for that precious skein — or those treasured leftover bits — of handspun. a snowy super-bulky beanie with a contrast handspun brim and a big fluffy pom-pom

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once upon a skein of handspun...

You know the one — that gorgeous, lumpy, jewel-toned skein of handspun you couldn't resist but never knew what to make. Or the precious leftover bits from a finished project you couldn't bear to throw away. *This is the hat for them.* A snowy white super-bulky body shows off a contrast **handspun brim** and a plump **handspun pompom**, so a small amount of something special becomes the whole personality of the hat. Thick-and-thin, art yarn, a single mini-skein, the tail end of a one-of-a-kind colorway — it all works, because the brim and pom are exactly where those textures shine.

what you'll need to know

Advanced beginner: knit, purl, k2tog, and working in the round.

pick your size

| size | to fit head | cast-on | length to crown * |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Baby (6–18 mo) | ~15–18 in (38–46 cm) | 28 | ~4.5 in |
| Child (2–8 yr) | ~18–20 in (46–51 cm) | 32 | ~5.5 in |
| Adult S | 20–21 in (51–53 cm) | 36 | 6 in |
| Adult M | 21–22.5 in (53–57 cm) | 40 | ~6.5 in |
| Adult L | 22.5–24 in (57–61 cm) | 44 | ~7 in |

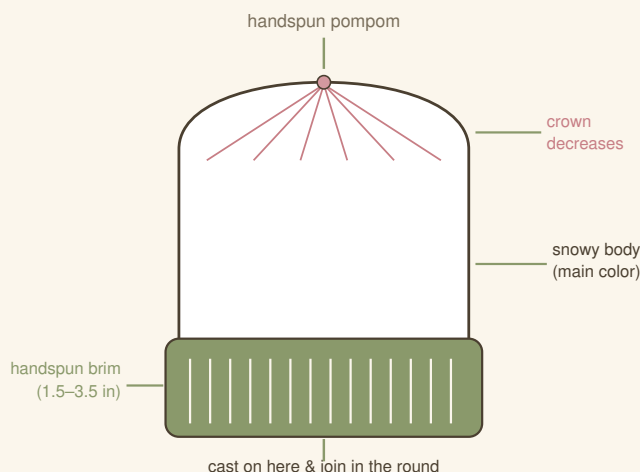
*Total height from the cast-on edge to where you begin the crown — the brim is included. Add 1–2 in for a slouchier hat. The fabric is very stretchy, so the unstretched hat sits smaller than the head and springs to fit.

gather your bits

- **Main Color (MC), super bulky — the snowy body:** ~65–85 yds (60–78 m) for adult sizes; ~40–55 yds for baby/child. A creamy natural is the classic snow.
- **Contrast (CC) — your handspun, for the brim + pompom:** a little goes a long way — even precious leftovers will do. About 20–40 yds covers a brim plus a generous pom (10–15 yds is plenty for a baby). Bulky/super-bulky handspun, art yarn, and thick-and-thin all welcome.
- **Needles:** US 13 (9 mm), 16 in circular + DPNs or magic loop for the crown. *Knit tightly or want it roomier? Go up to US 15.*
- **Notions:** stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors, pompom maker (optional).
- **Gauge:** about 10–11 sts & 14 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in stockinette in the round on US 13. Loose-tolerance — a stitch or two off is fine.



how it's built



the pattern

Abbreviations: *k* = knit · *p* = purl · *k2tog* = knit two together (1 st dec) · *rnd* = round · *st(s)* = stitch(es) · *PM* = place marker. Counts read **Adult M** first, with (*Baby · Child · Adult S · Adult L*) after.

Brim — your handspun (CC): Cast on 40 sts (28 · 32 · 36 · 44). Join in the round without twisting; PM. Work a **single-layer brim as deep as you like, 1.5–3.5 in** — taller shows off more handspun. Pick a texture: **k2, p2 rib** (stretchy) or **garter in the round** (knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd — hides thick-and-thin beautifully).

Body — snowy white (MC): Cut CC. Join MC and knit every round until the hat measures its *length to crown*: **Adult S 6 in · Adult M ~6.5 in** (*Baby ~4.5 · Child ~5.5 · Adult L ~7*) — the brim counts toward this. Add 1–2 in for slouch.

Crown (MC) — switch to DPNs/magic loop as it tightens; knit all unlisted rounds plain:

- **Adult M (40):** R1 *k3, k2tog* (32) · R3 *k2, k2tog* (24) · R5 *k1, k2tog* (16) · R7 *k2tog* (8).
- **Adult L (44):** R1 *k9, k2tog* (40), then work the Adult M crown.
- **Adult S (36):** R1 *k4, k2tog* (30) · R3 *k3, k2tog* (24) · R5 *k2, k2tog* (18) · R7 *k1, k2tog* (12) · R9 *k2tog* (6).
- **Child (32):** R1 *k2, k2tog* (24) · R3 *k2, k2tog* (18) · R5 *k1, k2tog* (12) · R7 *k2tog* (6).
- **Baby (28):** R1 *k5, k2tog* (24) · R3 *k2, k2tog* (18) · R5 *k1, k2tog* (12) · R7 *k2tog* (6).

Finish: Cut an 8 in tail, thread through remaining sts, pull tight to close the crown, secure inside. Weave in ends; block lightly if you like.

top it with a handspun pompom

Wrap your handspun ~70–90 times for a full ~3.5 in pom; tie tightly at the center, cut, trim into a ball, and sew on — a multicolored handspun pom is the whole charm, so let it be a little wild. For a removable pom, sew a small button to the crown and tie the pom's cord around it.



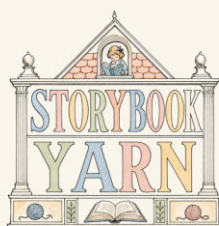
knit it your way

Two skeins of handspun, the same little pattern — the brim and pom do all the talking.



make it your own

- **Mini-skein magic:** even 20–30 yds of a precious handspun is enough for a brim and pom — the snowy body carries it.
- **Brim depth = your mood:** a deep 3.5 in brim makes the handspun the star; a shallow 1.5 in is a quiet pop of color.
- **Garter vs. rib brim:** garter hides thick-and-thin; rib is stretchier and more tailored.
- **Matching set:** top a whole size run with poms from the same handspun for a family photo.
- **All one color or pom-free slouch:** no contrast? Knit it all in MC; or skip the pom and add length for a relaxed slouch.



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