

## AOS WOOLLY HAT PATTERN

Aran is the best wool to use, although D.K can be used but the hats are not quite as cosy, however it is a matter of choice for the person doing the knitting, this is the pattern that some have found to be the best for them

Size needles, no.6 (5mm) and no. 7(4.1/2mm)

- With no. 6 needles cast on 108 sts. and k2. p2 . for approx 2 to 3inches.
- Change to no. 7 needles and continue in rib until work measures a total of 9 inches, then you start the decreasing as follows, 1st row. Rib 9, slip 1 k. 2 tog. p.s.s.o. repeat to end of row.
- 2nd and every alternate row rib in pattern.
- 3 rd. row Rib 7, slip1, k.2 tog.p.s.s.o. repeat to end of row.
- 4th. row as 2nd.
- 5th. row Rib 5 etc. and continue decreasing every other row until on the 9th. row it will be Rib 1. etc.
- 11 th. row k2 tog. to the end of the row thread wool through remaining stitches, stitch up and fold back the brim,
- and then start again, they are so easy to knit, handy to just pick up any time and do a few rows.

The woolly hats you make are very popular with seafarers. I know from experience how cold it can be at sea and how well the hat holds on to your head, keeps you warm and does not blow off in the wind!

The hats are popular with the seafarers and it will remind them of the prayers you offer for them at sea and the thoughtful support you provide to them through these very useful woolly hats.

Please send your hats to your nearest AoS port. The list of port chaplains and ports can be found here <http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/contact-our-chaplains>.

Thank you very much for helping us. Your hats will be very much appreciated.