

Footy Hat crafts

You will need:

- ♦ 3mm needles
- ♦ 7-8ply wool: use your team colours
- ♦ Optional: small pompom

Pattern:

Cast on **20 stitches** (less if you knit loosely)

Pattern 1:

Knit **2 rows**

Change colour, work 2 rows stocking stitch

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Change colour. Knit 2 together at each end of this row.

Stocking stitch 2 rows

Change colour, cast off

Pattern 2:

Cast on, purl 1 row.

Change colour, work 4 rows stocking stitch starting with a knit row.

Change colour, knit 2 together at beginning and end of first row, working 4 rows stocking stitch.

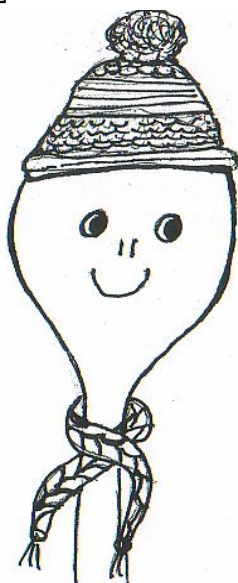
Repeat last four rows with another change of colour. Cast off.

To finish:

Sew up side seam and top, gathering top into a small circular shape.

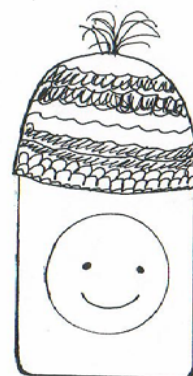
Cut a few coloured strands and sew on top, or sew a small pompom on top.

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What to do with it now...

1. Fit hat over a film canister and put a smiley face or Bible verse sticker on the front. Children can use these for collecting money for a particular cause, or for putting prayer requests in as an aid to remembering to pray for particular people or special needs, confession or thanks.



2. Hat fits over the top of a wooden spoon. Draw a smiley face on the spoon under the hat, glue craft eyes on face. Glue hat to back of spoon. Make a bow tie or scarf in the footy team's colours and give as a gift or sell on trading tables. Stick a sporting theme Bible verse on the back of the spoon e.g.

1 Corinthians 6: 19 - 20: *Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? ... So use your bodies for God's glory.*

3. Knit it in **Aussie colours** for the Commonwealth or Olympic Games and use these Bible verses:

2 Timothy 2:5: *An athlete who runs in a race cannot win the prize unless s/he runs the right way...*

Philippians 3 :12-14: *So I run straight towards the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above.*

Psalm 19: 4-5: *The sun comes out in the morning like an athlete eager to run a race...*

Or the words of Eric Liddell: **God made me fast for a purpose, so I run for His glory.** (Chariots of Fire)

Great for gifts or trading tables

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