

## Kupo Knit Cap Knitting Pattern by Tall Meepa (J Growden)



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This is a pattern for my IRL version of the FFXIV glamour item, the Kupo Knit Cap. It features a pom-pom and a pair of ears, decorated with large buttons. Looks super cute on Lalafells and Roegadyns alike. The pattern is one size, and I've got a big head (60cm!) so it should fit most. If you'd like to make it smaller, just don't increase on the increase row, and knit one stitch between the cables rather than two in the body of the hat.

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Abbreviations I've used:

- C8R Place the next 4 stitches on a cable needle, and hold to the back of the work. Knit the next 4 stitches and then knit the 4 from the cable needle.
- C8L Place the next 4 stitches on a cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Knit the next 4 stitches and then knit the 4 from the cable needle.
- C6R Place the next 3 stitches on a cable needle, and hold to the back of the work. Knit the next 3 stitches and then knit the 4 from the cable needle.
- C6L Place the next 3 stitches on a cable needle, and hold to the front of the work. Knit the next 3 stitches and then knit the 4 from the cable needle.
- K Knit
- P Purl
- Pfb Purl into the back and front of the stitch to increase by one.
- Sts Stitches
- K2tog Knit two stitches together

Yarn:

The hat is made with an aran-weight yarn, using two strands to knit the body of the hat, and one strand to make the ears. For my Kupo Knit Cap, I used some oiled aran yarn that came from Oxfam a few years ago. It sported a receipt from a shop in Windemere. It wasn't a particularly nice yarn to knit with, however when the oil is washed out, it fluffs up and starts to look a lot paler.

**You can use any aran-weight yarn**, in whatever colour you like – do remember when you're choosing yarn, that wool is naturally biodegradable, warm and soft, and will last a very long time with correct care and careful washing. Shearing sheep to use their wool stops them getting too hot in the summer and helps them stay clean and fresh! Acrylic will also work if you're on a tighter budget.

The body of the hat could be knit in one strand of super chunky yarn, if you prefer.

Needles etc:

- One 6½ mm circular needle, 40cm or at least 80cm if you use the magic loop method.
- One 8 mm circular needle, 40cm or at least 80cm if you use the magic loop method.

It could also be knit on double pointed needles, if you prefer.

- One cable needle
- A pompom maker, or two bits of cardboard, whatever works for you.
- Two big buttons! I used coconut buttons from my local yarn store and drilled extra holes in them, then added detail with a pyrography tool, but if you want them to be

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more authentic, you might want to look for metal ones that look more like the ones in the game.

- A yarn needle.

Main hat:

Cast on 64 stitches and join to knit in the round. Be careful not to twist the stitches, because you really don't want a mobius hat!

Round 1: (K1, P1), repeat between ( ) to end of the round.

Repeat round 1 19 more times.

Change to 8mm needles for the next round.

Increase round:

(P2, K16) repeat between ( ) to end of round. (68 sts)

Cable Round:

\*\*(P2, C8R, C8L) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

Next round:

(P2, K16) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

Repeat this round four times.\*\*

Repeat the rounds between \*\* and \*\* four times.

Decreases:

Round 1: (P2, K6, K2tog twice, K6) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

Round 2: (P2, K14) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

Round 3: (P2, K5, K2tog twice, K5) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

**Round 4: (P2tog, C6R, C6L) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

**Round 5: (P1, K4, K2tog twice, K4) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

**Round 6: (P1, K3, K2tog twice, K3) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

**Round 7: (P1, K2, K2tog twice, K2) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

Round 8: (P1, K1, K2tog twice, K1) repeat between ( ) to end of round.

**Round 9: (P1, K2tog twice) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

**Round 10: (P1, K2tog) repeat between ( ) to end of round.**

Cut the yarn and thread it through the remaining stitches.

Ears (make 4 pieces)

Using 5mm needles and one strand of aran yarn

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Cast on 15 stitches

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: K2tog, K to rem 2 sts, K2tog

Row 6: Purl

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until 3 sts remain. Cut yarn and thread through the stitches before securing it.

Finishing / assembly:

With right sides together, stitch backs and fronts of ears together, and lightly stuff. I used a small bundle of spare yarn to do this.

Fold the ribbed brim of the hat upwards, and stitch it in place loosely, securing the ears between the brim and the hat. I added a couple of stitches to hold the ears back onto the hat a little.

Weave in any loose ends.

Make a pompom with your preferred method and attach it to the top.

Ta-dah! Wear your Kupo cap with pride and have a mog-tastic day.



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