FREE PATTERN · 4 SIZES · BEGINNER

Curved-crown *knit beanie*

A two-piece beanie with a rounded crown and a folded cuff band. Three pieces, four seams, about an hour. Sewn in a stretchy knit with a 10% smaller-than-head fit so it stays put.

CHOOSE YOUR SIZE BY HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE

SIZE	HEAD	FINISHED HAT	CROWN DEPTH	CUFF	LINE
Child	18–20" (45.5–51 cm)	17⅛" (43.5 cm)	6" (15 cm)	2"	
Small	20–22" (51–56 cm)	18⅞" (48 cm)	6½" (16.5 cm)	2½"	
Medium	21–23" (53.5–58.5 cm)	19¾" (50.5 cm)	6¾" (17 cm)	2½"	
Large	22–24" (56–61 cm)	20¾" (52.5 cm)	7" (18 cm)	2½"	

Head sizes are the Craft Yarn Council's head-circumference ranges. Between two sizes, or sewing a thick sweater knit? Go up a size. Measure snugly around the forehead and the fullest part of the back of the head.

YOU NEED

⅜ yd (35 cm) of knit fabric, 45" (115 cm) or wider, with at least 40% crosswise stretch and good recovery: cotton-spandex jersey, rib knit, sweater knit or lightweight fleece. One fabric for the hat and cuff, or a contrast cuff (¼ yd).

Polyester or all-purpose thread, a ballpoint or stretch needle (size 75/11 or 80/12), pins or clips, and fabric scissors.

Seam allowance: ⅜" (1 cm), already included.

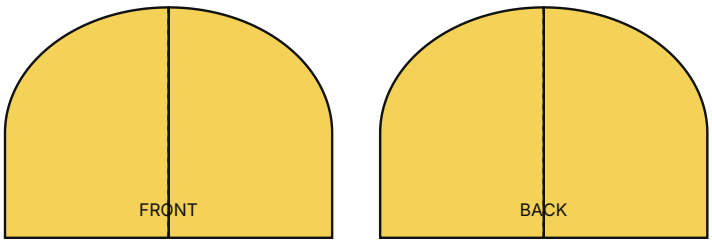
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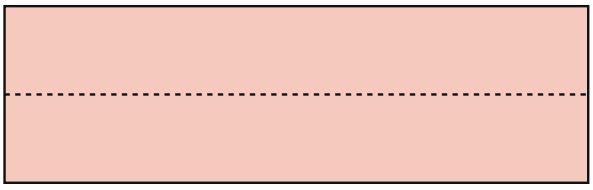
Page 3 has the cuff measurements (it's a rectangle, so just measure and cut), the cutting layout and the sewing steps.

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THE PIECES

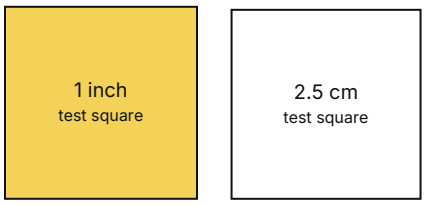


Body ×2: front and back, each cut on the fold



Cuff ×1: a rectangle, folded in half

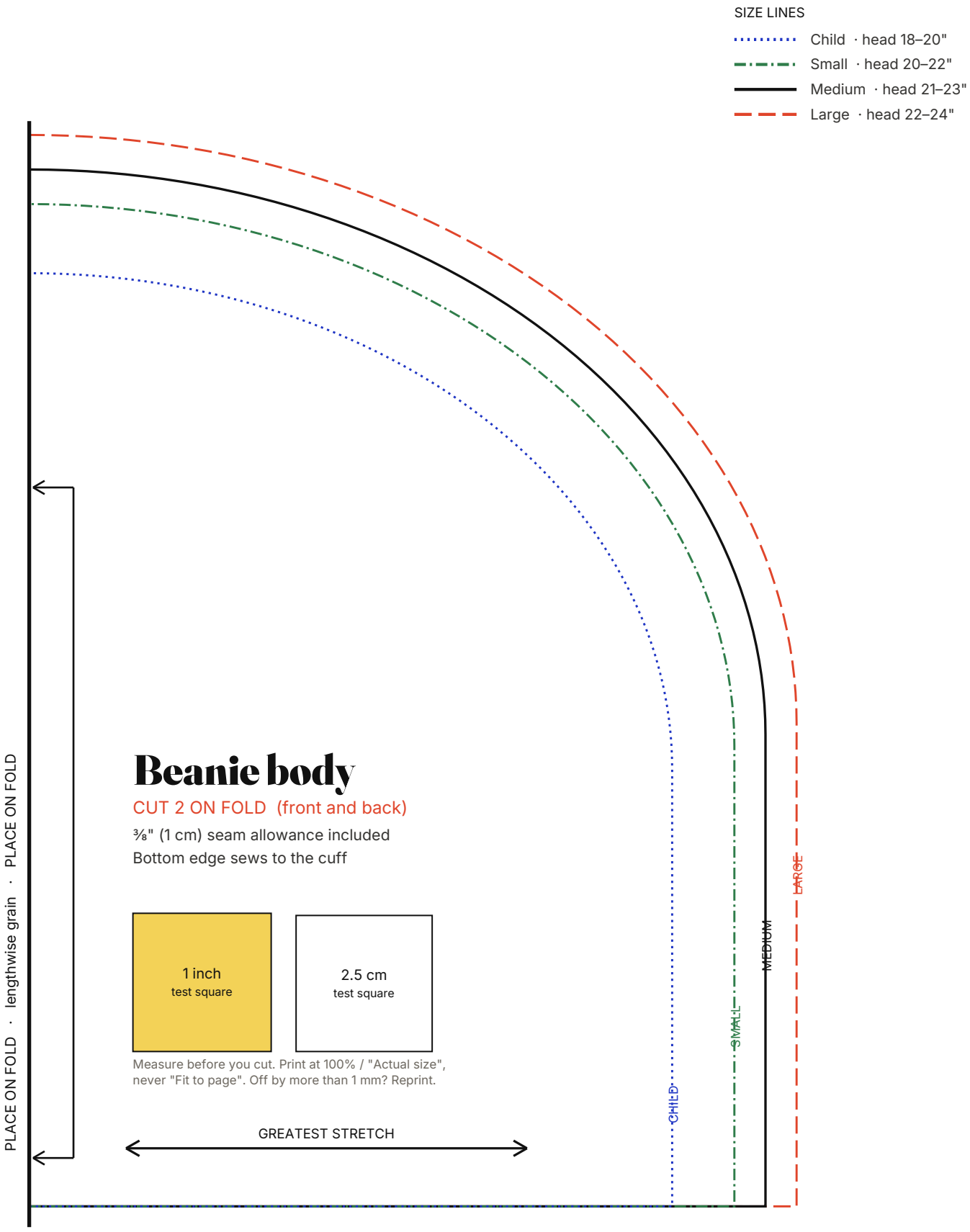
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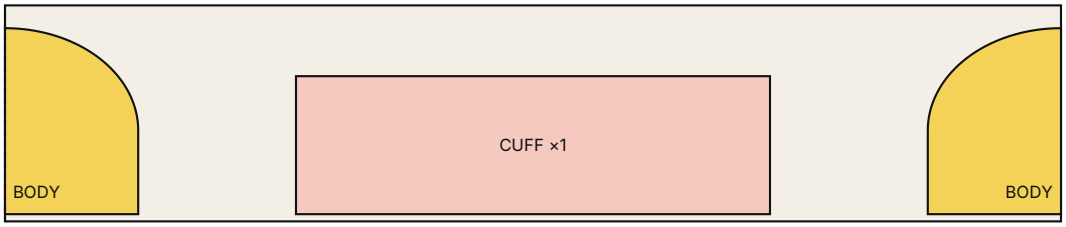
Cuff band

A rectangle, so measure and cut it straight on the fabric. The length runs along the greatest stretch. It's folded in half lengthwise, so the cut height is twice the finished cuff.

SIZE	CUT LENGTH (STRETCH ↔)	CUT HEIGHT	FINISHED CUFF
Child	16½" (42 cm)	4¾" (12 cm)	15¾" around × 2" tall
Small	18⅛" (46 cm)	5¾" (14.5 cm)	17⅜" around × 2½" tall
Medium	19" (48.5 cm)	5¾" (14.5 cm)	18¼" around × 2½" tall
Large	19¾" (50 cm)	5¾" (14.5 cm)	19" around × 2½" tall

Cutting layout

Size Large on 44–45" fabric, drawn 1:8. Fold the fabric so both selvages meet in the middle; each body piece goes on a fold.



fold ← greatest stretch → fold

KNIT TIPS

Cut with the pattern's fold on the lengthwise grain, parallel to the selvage, so the stretch goes around your head.

Use a stretch stitch: a narrow zigzag (width 1.5–2, length 2.5) or a serger.

Sew it

1. Cut. Two body pieces on the fold and one cuff band, all with the stretch going across.
2. Sew the crown. Place the body pieces right sides together. Stitch up one side, over the curve and down the other side, ⅜" (1 cm) from the edge. Leave the straight bottom open.
3. Make the cuff loop. Fold the cuff right sides together, short ends meeting, and stitch them to make a loop. Finger-press the seam open.
4. Fold the cuff. Fold the loop in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, so the raw edges meet and the seam is hidden inside.
5. Quarter and pin. Mark quarters on the cuff and on the hat's bottom edge. With the hat right side out, slide the cuff over it, raw edges level and the cuff seam at a side seam. Match the quarter marks and clip.
6. Stretch and stitch. Stitch around with the cuff on top, stretching it gently to fit the hat between clips. Don't stretch the hat.
7. Finish. Flip the cuff down, press lightly with steam (no iron contact on synthetics) and fold it up to wear.

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