



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® Jeans® Colors**  
**Checkmate Slouch Hat**  
Pattern Number: L70326  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Easy**

### **SIZE**

**Finished Circumference** About 18 1/2 in. (47 cm),

Hat will stretch to fit a range of sizes.

**Finished Height** About 12 in. (30.5 cm)

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® Jeans® Colors (Art. #506)
  - 123 Khaki 1 ball
- Lion Brand® double pointed knitting needles size 6 (4.25 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Circular needle size 6 (4.25 mm), 16 in. (40.5 cm) long

### **GAUGE**

19 sts = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st worked in the rnd (k every rnd).

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

### **NOTES**

1. Hat is worked in one piece in the round, beginning on a circular needle then changing to double-pointed needles when sts have been sufficiently decreased.
2. The Hat is worked in St st worked in rnds (knit every rnd), with a ribbed edge and sections of a checkerboard stitch pattern.

### **HAT**

With circular needle, cast on 88 sts. Place marker for beginning of rnd. Join by knitting the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle and being careful not to twist sts.

Slip marker as you come to it on each rnd.

### **Rib**

**Rnd 1:** \*K2, p2; repeat from \* to end of rnd.

**Rnds 2-8:** Rep Rnd 1.

**Next Rnd (Increase Rnd):** \*K10, knit into front and then back of next st (1 st increased); rep from \* around – you will have 96 sts at the end of this rnd.

Work in St st worked in rnds (knit every rnd) for 7 rnds.

### **First Checkerboard Section**

**Rnds 1-4:** \*K4, p4; rep from \* around.

**Rnds 5-8:** \*P4, k4; rep from \* around.

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Work in St st worked in rnds for 8 rnds.

### **Second Checkerboard Section**

**Rnds 1 and 2:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Rnda 3 and 4:** \*P2, k2; rep from \* around.

Work in St st worked in rnds for 23 rnds.

### **Shape Crown (top of Hat)**

**Rnd 1 (Decrease Rnd):** \*K14, k2tog; rep from \* around – you'll have 90 sts at the end of this rnd.

**Rnds 2-8:** Work in St st worked in rnds.

**Note:** Change to double pointed needles as you work Rnd 9.

**Rnd 9 (Decrease Rnd):** \*K7, k2tog; rep from \* around – 80 sts.

**Rnds 10-15:** Work in St st worked in rnds.

**Rnd 16 (Decrease Rnd):** \*K2, k2tog; rep from \* around – 60 sts.

**Rnds 17-20:** Work in St st worked in rnds.

**Rnd 21 (Decrease Rnd):** \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* around – 40 sts.

**Rnds 22-24:** Work in St st worked in rnds.

**Last Rnd:** K2tog around – 20 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Thread tail through remaining 20 sts and pull to close top of Hat. Knot yarn.

### **FINISHING**

Weave in ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

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