

Knitting across borders

Gro (born 1954), Kari (born 1958), Lena (born 1962) and Vilde (born 1966) are four sisters from Norway. They like knitting- and keeping the Norwegian craft traditions alive. They know that there are mothers that have escaped from war and poverty, that like to knit. Who also like to create knitwear with patterns from their own country - or knit clothes with new designs for their families. Therefore, the sisters collect yarn and knitting needles; these are sent to the refugee camps in Greece.



Every winter the sisters say to their 11 adult children and equal number grandchildren that they **MUST** remember to use warm winter garments for protection against the cold weather.



Every single hat will be unique when the knitter experiments with different colours. This is Emilie aged 12, wearing a hat her grandmother Gro aged 62, has knitted from leftover yarn.

Knitting pattern for the hat - woman/girl or man/boy (pattern for women are in parentheses).

Use thin wool yarn/leftover yarn, which is suitable for knitting needles nr. 3 - 3,5. For 1 hat, you need 200 g yarn (50 g = 100m). 22 stitches, stocking stitch with needles nr.3,5=10 Cm.

Gro and two of her grandchildren - Emilie (soon teenager) and Nora (aged 7) – like wearing a hat when it is cold. The knitting pattern is suitable for large and small.



Pattern: Cast on (108) 124 stitches using a small circular needle nr 3 and knit 8 rounds ribbed border (knit one, purl one). Change to circular needle nr 3,5. and continue knitting until your work measures (18)20 cm. Knit 1 round and at the same time reduce your stitches to (108) 120 stitches. On the next round decrease to the top of the hat as such: Knit 10, knit two together: repeat to end of round. Knit two rounds without decreasing. Continue in this way with 1 stitch less between each decreasing round and for every decreasing round until there are (18) 20 stitches left. Cut the yarn, and pull it through the rest of the stitches. Fasten off well.



Just use your imagination as to how the hat will look. One year Gro knitted a hat like this for everyone in her large family. Her youngest sister Kari got a hat with a green and yellow pattern.

We are still here – As long as you need us!



This knitting pattern is created by Kari Ronge, who was a voluntary worker for the Norwegian organisation « Drops in the Ocean” <https://www.drapenihaVet.no/en/home/> in Northern Greece, December 2016.



These knitting patterns are made for people living in refugee camps in Greece and (among others) are also meant for use in Community Centres, the cooperation partner is a British organisation called « We are here» (<http://weareherecentre.org/>) found at various locations in Greece.



Do you want knitting patterns for other garments made of wool yarn? A Poncho, a scarf, slippers, hat, wrist warmers or socks? Just make them!

Do you need more yarn, maybe in cotton for knitting summer garments? Send mail: kronge@online.no – sms to mobile +47 91 15 92 43, Kari, her friends and family will gather new knitting patterns and equipment from Norway.



Good Luck!