

KNITTING ACROSS BORDERS



Kari is a grandmother of 58 from Nesöya in Norway and her third grandchild Linus is 6 years old. He says he is always wearing his ear warmers in cold weather!



Mohamad is a father of 33 from Aleppo in Syria and his youngest son Kaled has recently turned 5. He says the ear warmers will be useful in cold weather!

All photos from the refugee camp in Greece: Nina Kaaresdatter Staff a mother of 62 from Oslo, Norway

Norwegian buff neck warmer knitted for adults and children – to keep your head warm during winter months

This buff is an extremely versatile item of cold weather-protective headwear. It's made of thick wool, knitted and sewn to a cylindrical piece. Pulled up over ears, nose and head, it's better than a knit hat or knit hat alone. The "two-layer construction" with thick wool yarn creates an air cushion as an extra protection to maintain the temperature of the body and prevent heat loss.

Bufs can be worn in a whole range of ways. This Norwegian version can be worn as a neckerchief, mask, balaclava, scarf or sahariane with either side on the outside or just halfway.



Knitting pattern (pattern for children is in parenthesis):

Use very thick wool yarn and needle number 8. This will make the buff work up faster than you think! 1 bundle of 50 g yarn (Ca 70 m) will give about 1 adult buff.

Start with 20-22 knitting stitches (16-18) very loose – and then knit garter stitch all over. Knit 40 rounds (30), which gives 40(30) cm. Change the colour(s) if you want more design possibilities. End the work and sew together.

Norwegian ear warmer headband for men, women and Children – a very useful item during the winter months



Worn by Norwegians and Syrians boys: Jens (age 8), Kaled (age 5) and Jesper (age 12).
Also suitable for girls, perhaps with a knitted or crocheted flower decoration?



Knitting pattern:

Again: Use very thick wool yarn and needle number 8. This will make the ear warmers work up faster than you think!

ADULTS: Start with 50 knitting stitches, very loose – and then knit garter stitch all over. Knit about 18 rounds, which gives 9 cm. End the work and sew together. 1 bundle of 50 g yarn (Ca 70 m) will give about 2 ear warmers.

CHILDREN (age 6-12): Start with 40 knitting stitches, very loose – and then knit garter stitch all over. Knit about 14-16 rounds, which gives 7-8 cm. End the work and sew together. 1 bundle of 50 g yarn (Ca 70 m) will give you about 3 ear warmers.

WE ARE STILL HERE – as long as you need!



These knitting patterns are created by Kari Rønge, who was a voluntary worker by the Norwegian organisation Drops in the Ocean (<https://www.drapenihavet.no/en/home/>) in Northern Greece, December 2016.

The patterns were made for people living in refugee camps in Greece, and (among others) meant for use in a Community Centre run by the British organisation "We are here!" (<http://weareherecentre.org/>) – Good luck!



If you want other patterns knitted and made of thick wool yarn? Ponchos, scarves, slippers, wrist warmers, hats – just make them!
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