Candy Shop Knit Hat

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Knitting Needle Size: 10.5 or 6.5 mm, 8 or 5 mm, Circular Knitting Needles, Double-Pointed Knitting Needles (DPNs)

Yarn Weight: (5) Bulky/Chunky (12-15 stitches for 4 inches)

Gauge: 16 sts and 20 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch on larger needles.

Finished Size: 18" (45.2 cm) circumference unstretched, 22.5" (57.15 cm) stretched, 7.25" (18.42 cm) height excluding beanie. Fits average women's adult sized head.

MATERIALS

Wool and the Gang XL Cotton Collection (100g)

1 ball White Ice (A), 1 ball Peacock Teal (B)

- Size 8 circular or double-pointed needles
- · Size 10.5 circular or double-pointed needles
- · Stitch marker



INSTRUCTIONS

Brim

Using A and size 8 needles, CO 64 sts. Join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist your sts. PM to denote the beginning of the round. K2, P2 around until brim of hat measures about 1" from CO edge. Switch to size 10.5 needles and k around for one round.

Hat Body

Round 1: K around with A

Round 2: K2 with B, *K1 with A, K3 with B; rep from * around to last 2 sts, K1 with A, K1 with B.

Round 3: Using B, K2, *sl1wyib, K3; rep from * around to last 2 sts, sl1wyib, K1.

Round 4: As round 3

Round 5: K around with A

Round 6: *K1 with A, K3 with B; rep from * around.

Round 7: Using B, *sl1wyib, K; rep from * around.

Round 8: As round 7

Rep rounds 1-8 one more time for a total of 2 reps. Cut B. Use only A for the remainder of the pattern.

Next 3 rounds: Using A, K around.

Decreases

Note: Switch to double-pointed needles when the stitches feel too stretched around the circular needles.

Round 1: *K6, K2tog; rep around. 56 sts remain.

Round 2: K around

Round 3: *K5, K2tog; rep around. 48 sts remain.

Round 4: K around

Round 5: *K4, K2tog; rep around. 40 sts remain.

Round 6: K around

Round 7: *K3, K2tog; rep around. 32 sts remain.

Round 8: K around

Round 9: *K2, K2tog; rep around. 24 sts remain.

Round 10: K around

Round 11: *K1, K2tog; rep around. 14 sts remain.

Round 12: K around

Round 13: K2tog around. 7 sts remain.

Pull yarn through remaining sts and tighten to cinch closed. Attach pom pom if desired.

Finishing

Weave in ends. Block.

ABBREVIATIONS

CO: cast on

st(s): stitch(es)

PM: place marker

K: knit

P: purl

sl: slip

sl1wyib: Slip the next st onto your righthand needle with working yarn held in back

rep(s): repeat(s)

K2tog: knit next 2 sts together



