

Head Start Hat (Scrap-happy celebration hat by cosymakes)

Needles: Size 6 and 7 circular or dpns Yarn: Worsted weight (5 different colors)

With size 6 needles cast on 80. Work in 1X1 or 2X2 ribbing for 1 ½ inches.

Change to size 7 needles. At this point and every 1 ½ inches hereafter, break the previous yarn and change to a new yarn. Work a purl row. Switch to stockinette until that color band is 1½ inches.

Add the third and fourth colors in the same way. In the midst of the fourth color section, when the entire piece measures 5 ¾ inches, start working the decrease row.

Decrease rows: Keep working in pattern. If you're using a circular needle, switch to double-pointed needles when it becomes uncomfortable. If a decrease round falls on your last purl ridge, work purls instead of the knits (for instance, purl 5, p2tog instead of K5, k2tog)

Round 1: *K6, k2tog* Round 2: Knit Round 3: *K5, K2tog* Round 4: Knit
Round 5: *K4, k2tog* Round 6: Knit Round 7: *K3, k2tog* Round 8: Knit
Round 9: *K2, k2tog* Round 10: Knit Round 11: *K1, k2tog* Round 12: Knit
Round 13 *k2tog* Thread a needle and pull through live stitches. Secure in place.