

## Getting Started



This hat is designed as a first project on double pointed needles. The hat uses two colors, one for the ample ribbing and one for the crown. Both colors are used to create the four-strand I-cord knot at the top. As a basic hat design, this is a great project to experiment with adding color or texture patterns. Make one for everyone on your holiday gift list!

Finished Size
To fit a 18 " (20", 22") head ( $46 \mathrm{~cm}, 51 \mathrm{~cm}, 56 \mathrm{~cm}$ )
Yarn (All Sizes)


## Needles

Size 9 ( 5.5 mm ): double pointed needles. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

## Notions

Markers; tapestry needle
Gauge
18 sts and 24 rows $=4$ " $(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ in stockinette stitch

| Abbreviations |  |
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| BO | Bind Off |
| CO | Cast On |
| dec | Decrease |
| K | Knit |
| inc | Increase |
| M | Make a stitch |
| P | Purl |
| patt | Pattern |
| rep | Repeat |
| RS | Right Side |
| st(s) | Stitch(es) |
| tog | Together |
| WS | Wrong Side |

## Pattern Stitches

2x2 Rib Stitch (Multiple of 4 sts)
Every row: *k2, p2; repeat from * for entire round
4 st l-cord (on double pointed needles)
Row 1: k4; without turning work, slide stitches to the other end of the needle.
Row 2: Pull yarn snug across back and repeat row 1.
Continue until cord is the length desired

## Hat

Cast On: Using Yarn A, CO $80(88,96)$ sts. Divide evenly $(20,22,24$ sts) onto four double pointed needles. Join without twisting and mark the beginning of the round.
Ribbing: Continuing in Yarn A, work in $2 \times 2$ rib for $4 "(10 \mathrm{~cm})$ stopping at the end of a round.
Crown: Break Yarn A. Join Yarn B and work in stockinette for 4". Continuing with Yarn B, K2tog at the beginning of each needle ( 4 per round) for $16(18,20)$ rounds. When decreases are completed, there will be 4 sts per needle ( 16 sts total).

## Top Knot

First l-cord: Working on only one needle, cont with Yarn B and work the 4 st l-cord for 6". Bind-off all 4 sts.
Second I-cord: Working on only one needle, join Yarn A and work the 4 st I-cord for 6". Bind-off all 4 sts.
Third I-cord: Working on only one needle, join Yarn B and work the 4 st I-cord for 6". Bind-off all 4 sts.
Fourth l-cord: Working on only one needle, join Yarn A and work the 4 st l-cord for 6". Bind-off all 4 sts.

## Finishing

Weave in ends at all cast-on, bind-off and color joins. Fold up ribbing at approximately 3". Loosely tie l-cords into a top knot. Use your imagination for a look that will be uniquely yours. Block if necessary.

