

Friendship Hat

Materials:

Yarn ~ Worsted weight of your choice of colors.

Needles ~ Size 4(3.5mm) & Size 6(4mm)

Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Gauge ~ 5 stitches & 6 rows = 1 inch

CO 98 sts, in background color, using a stretchy cast on and join to work in the round being careful not to twist your stitches. Place stitch marker for beginning of row.

Using size 4 (3.5mm) needles, Knit the first 8 rows using 1x1 Rib.

1x1 Rib:

K, P, K, P Repeat around

Switch to size 6 (4mm) needles.

Knit 1 row, then start chart #1.*

Using only background color, **Knit** 2 rows. You can continue knitting with the background color to finish your hat or you can add more color here by putting a color wheel at the top.

Instructions for color wheel:

Make the color wheel wedges the same width as the widest point of the people's head. (8sts)
I am going to make all of the contrast color stitches in red and main color stitches in black for ease of reading.

K3 (mc), *K8 (cc), K6 (mc)* rpt 6 times, K8 (cc), K3 (mc). (98sts)

Sl 1, K2 *K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K1, K2, K2tog, K2* rpt 6 times, K1, K2tog, K2, K2tog, K1, K2, K last stitch on this round and first stitch on next round together. (77sts)

Place stitch marker for new beginning of row. Knit this row using same colors as previous row. (77sts)

K2tog, *K3, K2tog, K1, K3, K2tog* rpt 6 times, K3, K2tog, K1, K3 (63sts)

Knit around, keeping in color as before (63sts)

K1, *K2, K2tog, K1, K1, K2tog, K1* rpt 6 times, K2, K2tog, K1, K1, K2tog (49sts)

Knit around, keeping in color as before (49sts)

Sl 1, *K1, K2tog, K1, K1, K2tog* rpt 6 times, K1, K2tog, K1, K1, Knit last st on this round and first stitch on next round together, slipping marker to indicate new beginning of row. (35st)

Knit around, keeping in color as before (35sts)

K2tog, K1, K1 rpt 7 times (21sts)

Break yarn, thread through remaining stitches and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Instructions for finishing in main/background color:

Decrease 2 stitches evenly to get to 96sts. Then start decrease rounds; Knit all even rows.

Decrease rounds:

R1: *K10, K2tog* rpt 8 times (88sts)

R3: *K9, K2tog* rpt 8 times (80sts)

R5: *K8, K2tog* rpt 8 times (72sts)

R7: *K7, K2tog* rpt 8 times (64sts)

