

# Bernie Beanie - bulky

Knitting pattern by [cjaneknit.org](http://cjaneknit.org)

Birdies for Bernie! This hat is knitted in the round and features the message "Bernie 2016" along with a bird. Because it uses bulky weight, it knits up quickly. For a worsted-weight beanie, see Bernie Beanie by [cjaneknit.org](http://cjaneknit.org).

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## Materials

### NEEDLES

- United States 9, 16" circular
- United States 10.5, 16" circular
- United States 10.5, set of double pointeds

### YARN

One skein of *Lamb's Pride - Bulky* in each the following colors:

- Red (M81 Red Baron)
- White (M11 White Frost)
- Blue (M57 Brite Blue)

Or substitute your own favorite American bulky-weight yarn.

## Gauge

3.5 stitches/inch in stockinette with larger needle

## Instructions

### RIBBING

Using size 9 needle and red yarn, cast on 84 stitches. Join yarn, and K2 P2 for 5 rounds.

### BODY

Round 1: Knit around, increasing 6 stitches evenly spaced. (90 stitches total)

Round 2-3: Using size 10.5 circular needle and blue yarn, knit around.

Round 4: Knit first row of chart, using white for contrast color. Always pass the white yarn under the blue.

*NOTE: The final three rows of the chart have long color runs. You may want to break the white yarn and start a new one where needed. On the penultimate chart row, if feeling particularly brave, you can try dropping the white yarn after the two white*



*stitches and then, on the next row, sliding those two stitches to the right needle when you encounter them, knitting the next blue stitch, and then turning the work and purling the two white stitches as intarsia. Clear as mud? Or, of course, you can always fall back on our old friend, the duplicate stitch.*

Rounds 5-16: Continue knitting around, completing the chart as established.

Round 17: Knit the final row of the chart, decreasing two stitches where indicated. (88 stitches total)

Round 18: Knit around in blue.

#### TOP SHAPING

Round 1: [Knit 9, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 2: Knit around.

Round 3: [Knit 8, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 4: Knit around.

Round 5: [Knit 7, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 6: Knit around.

Round 7: [Knit 6, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 8: Knit around.

Round 9: [Knit 5, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 10: [Knit 4, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 11: [Knit 3, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Continue as established, decreasing 8 stitches every round, until 8 stitches remain. Switch to double-pointed needles when necessary.

#### STEM

Round 1: K2tog four times. (4 stitches total)

Round 2: K2tog, K 2. (3 stitches total)

Round 3: K2tog, K 1. (2 stitches total)

Round 4: K2tog. (1 stitch total)

Break the yarn, leaving a tail. Pull on the top of the stitch so that the tail comes out the K2tog.

#### FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Steam the hat, except for the ribbing.

Feel the Bern!



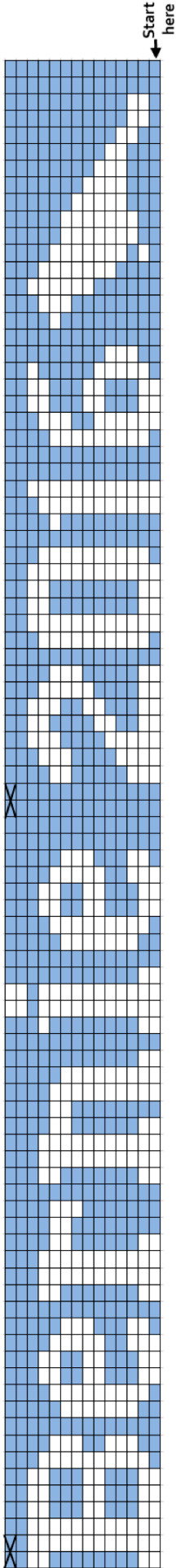
#### LEGEND

K - Knit

K2tog - Knit 2 together

P - Purl

# Chart



 - Knit these two stitches together