

Bernie Beanie

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Feel the Bern! This hat is knitted in the round, except for the chart rows, which are knitted back and forth and then seamed. The message reads "Bernie 2016".

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Materials

NEEDLES

- United States 7, 16" circular
- United States 8, 16" circular
- United States 8, set of double pointeds

YARN

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

- Red (M-81 Red Baron)
- White (M-11 White Frost)
- Blue (M-57 Brite Blue)

Or substitute your own favorite American worsted-weight yarn.

Gauge

4.5 stitches/inch in stockinette

Instructions

RIBBING

Using size 7 needle and red yarn, cast on 100 stitches. Join yarn, and K2 P2 for 6 rounds.

BODY

Round 1: Change to size 8 circular needle, and knit around, increasing 12 stitches evenly spaced. (112 stitches total)

Round 2: Using blue yarn and leaving a 12" tail, knit around.

Rounds 3-4: Knit around.

Row 5: Knit 20 stitches. Using white for contrast color, knit first row of chart. Then knit to end of row. Turn work.

Row 6: On left needle, add a selvedge stitch as follows: YO purl-wise, and then purl through the back of the YO. Then purl across row, completing the chart as established. Turn work.

Row 7: On left needle, add a selvedge stitch as follows: YO knit-wise, and then knit through the back of the YO. Then knit across row, completing the chart as established. Turn work.

Rows 8-18: Continue working back and forth in stockinette, completing the chart as established.



Row 19: K2tog. Knit across to last 2 stitches; SSK. (112 stitches total)

Round 20: Join work to resume circular knitting, and knit around.

Rounds 21-22: Knit around.

TOP SHAPING

Round 1: [Knit 12, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 2: Knit around.

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

Round 4: Knit around.

Round 5: [Knit 10, K2tog] 8 times. (8 stitches decreased)

Round 6: Knit around.

Continue as established, decreasing 8 stitches every other round, until 8 stitches remain. Switch to double-pointed needles when necessary. The last round is a decrease row.

STEM

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

Round 2: Begin an I-cord as follows. Move all stitches to one needle, with the working yarn on the last stitch. Knit across. (The yarn wraps across the back of the work.)

Round 3-4: Slide the stitches to the right side of the needle, and knit across.

Round 5: K2tog twice. (2 stitches total)

Round 6: K2tog. (1 stitch total)

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

FINISHING

Using the 12" blue tail that's above the ribbing, sew the slit using mattress stitch to create an invisible seam.

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

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LEGEND

K2tog - Knit 2 together

SSK - Slip 1 as if to knit. Slip 1 as if to knit. Insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped stitches on the right needle. Wrap the yarn around the right needle to knit the 2 stitches, and pull them off the needle as an ordinary knit stitch.

YO - Yarn over

