Grassroots Hat

This hat features a landscape scene with grassroots and grass at the bottom; sky, clouds, and the Obama logo at the top.
The hat is knit in the round, except for the logo and cloud rows, which are knit back and forth.

Size
Medium to big-medium woman's head

Gauge
5-1/2 stitches & 7 rows to 1 inch in stockinette

The gauge is somewhat tighter than usual to prevent the carried color from bleeding through. Use a looser gauge if you prefer.

Materials
• Size United States 6 needles (circular and whatever you use to knit small items in the round [e.g., double-pointeds])
• Reynolds Lopi Lite yarn (or any yarn that meets the gauge), as follows:

What	Suggested Lopi Lite color	# of skeins
Grassroots	0085 Oatmeal	1
Grass	441 Leaf	1
Grass 2	1406 Spring Green Heather	1
Sky	1402 Heaven	1 (or 2?)
Logo red	0434 Crimson	1
Clouds	0051 White	1
Logo blue	0442 Royal Blue	1

Plant the seeds
Cast on 112 stitches with Grassroots using the longtail cast-on or whatever method you dig up.

Water the sprouts
Join work, and K1-P1 around, using Grass for the K stitches and the following for the P stitches:

Rows 1-3: Grassroots

Rows 4-6: Grass 2
Row 7: Sky

Wait
Row 1: *K1 in Grass, K3 in Sky. Repeat from * around.
Row 2-3: K in Sky.

In all remaining rows, use Sky except as noted on charts.

Hope
Row 1: K48, K 1st row of logo chart, K to end of row.
Row 2: Turn work. Add a selvedge stitch as follows:
   a. Wrap the yarn over the left needle to the back, and then bring the yarn under the needle to the front.
   b. P the stitch, through the front loop.

P rest of row, completing 2nd row of logo chart.

Row 3: Turn work. Add a selvedge stitch as follows:
   a. Wrap the yarn over the left needle to the front, and then bring the yarn under the needle to the back.
   b. K the stitch, through the back loop.

K rest of row, completing 3rd row of logo chart.

Row 4: P6, P 1st row of lettering chart, P4, P next row of logo chart, P4, P 1st row of lettering chart, P to end.
Row 5-12: Continue in stockinette, working back and forth and working the 3 charts until lettering charts are complete.
Row 13-18: Continue in stockinette, working back and forth until logo chart is complete.

Imagine
Row 1: K to last 2 stitches. SSK.

   Note: SSK = Slip 1 as if to K; slip 1 as if to K; insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped sts on the right needle; wrap the yarn around the right needle to knit the 2 sts, and pull them off the needle as a usual K st. Then register a new voter.

Row 2. Rejoining work to resume circular knitting, K the first two stitches together; then K rest of row. (112 sts)
Rows 3-5: K

Reach for the sky

Row 1: K32, K2tog, K54, K2tog, K to end. (110 sts)
Row 2 : K
Row 3: *K9, K2tog. Repeat from * around. (100 sts)
Row 4: K
Row 5: *K8, K2tog. Repeat from * around. (90 sts)
Row 6: K
Row 7: *K7, K2tog. Repeat from * around. (80 sts)
Row 8: K
Rows 9-20: K as established, decreasing 10 sts every other row. (10 sts)
Row 21: *K2tog. Repeat from * around. (5 sts)
Row 22: K
Row 23: K2tog, K2tog, K1.
Row 24: K an I-cord row as follows: K3, slide sts to end of needle.
Rows 25-26: Repeat Row 24.

Break yarn (leaving a tail) and remove needles. Thread the yarn through the 3 sts and pull tight.
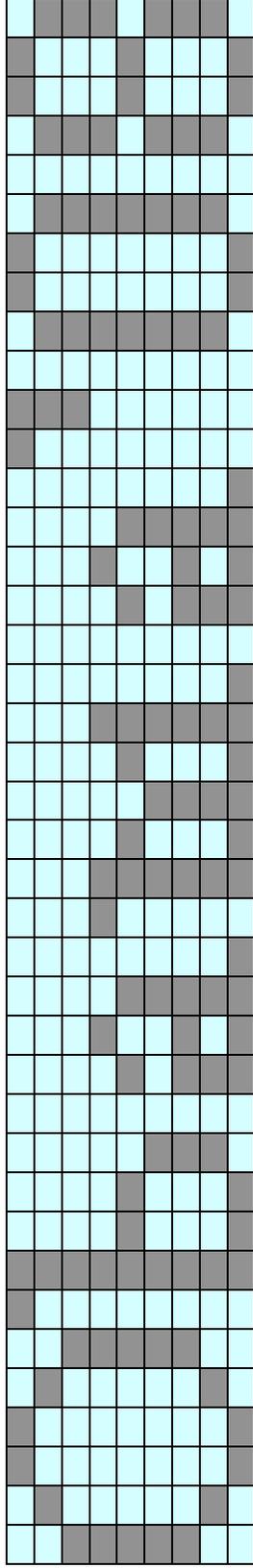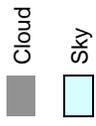Using the mattress stitch for an invisible seam, sew the slit.
Work in loose ends.
Lightly steam or otherwise block.

Obama '08.

Logo chart

■ Logo blue

■ Logo red

□ Sky

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Lettering chart

- ■ Cloud
- □ Sky

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(P row)

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