

# Obamacares Hat

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May you wear this hat in good health always.

## Size

Women's average

## Materials

### NEEDLES

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

### YARN

Your favorite American worsted-weight yarn in desired colors

Example: Lamb's Pride, Worsted

- 1 skein turquoise (VM-220 Ocean Waves)
- 1 skein white (M-11 White Frost)
- 1 skein red

## Gauge

4.5 stitches/inch in stockinette

## Instructions

These instructions use the example colors listed above. Feel free to substitute colors of your choosing.

### Ribbing

Using red yarn and smaller needles, cast on 96 stitches. Join round, and work K2 P2 for 5 rounds.

### Body

Switch to turquoise yarn.

K one round, adding 11 stitches evenly around. (107 stitches total)

Change to larger needles, and K two rounds.

K all 12 rounds of chart, using white yarn for the contrast design (i.e., for the letters and heart).

K 3 rounds in turquoise.



## Top

Switch to red yarn.

K 1 round.

P 4 rounds.

K 1 round, adding 5 stitches evenly around. (112 stitches total)

K 8 rounds. On 8th round, place markers after 28 stitches 4 times, dividing the work into 4 equal sections of 28 stitches each.

K decrease rounds:

Round 1: (SSK\*, K until 2 stitches before marker, K2 together, slip marker) around. (104 stitches total)

Round 2: K.

Rounds 3-24: Repeat Rounds 1 and 2, thereby decreasing 8 stitches every other row until 8 stitches remain. Change to double-pointed needles when necessary.

Round 25: K2 together around. (4 stitches total)

Tail:

K 3 rows.

*Tip: I-cord method makes this easier.*

K2 together twice. (2 stitches total)

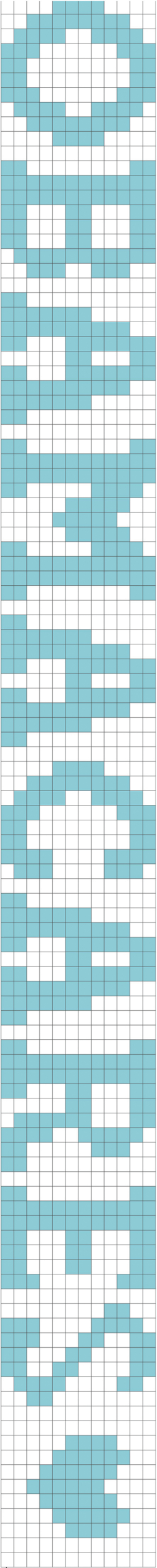
K last 2 stitches together. Cut yarn, leaving about 5 or 6 inches. Pull cut end of yarn out of stitch.

## Finishing

Work in all ends. Register 3 new voters, or make a donation on [barackobama.com](http://barackobama.com). Block hat and steam lightly.

\* 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 stitches, and pull them off the needle as a usual K stitch. The two stitches are now one stitch with a leftward slant.





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