

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. Block hat and steam lightly.

* SSK = Slip 1 as if to K; slip 1 as if to P; 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.



