

#PERSIST Hat

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Nevertheless, she persisted! This hat was inspired by a certain fabulous senator from Massachusetts. It's knitted in the round, except for the chart rows, which are knitted back and forth and then seamed. The message reads "#PERSIST".

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Materials

NEEDLES

- US 8, 16" circular
- US 9, 16" circular
- US 9, set of double pointed

or size needed to obtain gauge

YARN

One skein of heavy worsted weight yarn in each of these colors:

- Navy blue
- Pink

Gauge

4.5 stitches/inch in stockinette



Instructions

RIBBING

1. Using size 8 needle and navy blue yarn, cast on 100 stitches, leaving a 15" tail.
2. Join yarn, and [knit 2, purl 2] around for one round.
3. Repeat the following sequence five times, for 10 rounds total:
 - Round 1: Knit around.
 - Round 2: [Knit 2, purl 2] around.
4. Knit around, increasing 4 stitches evenly spaced. (104 stitches total)

BODY

Round 1: Using size 9 circular needle, knit around.

Round 2: Place markers for chart: Knit 24, place marker, knit 56, place marker, knit remaining 24 stitches.

Round 3: Persist! Knit to first marker and begin the chart. For the pink yarn, use the tail end—a 36-inch tail—to work this first row of the chart. Always pass the pink yarn under the blue, in this and all rows of the chart. After completing the chart stitches, knit the remainder of round with navy blue yarn. (Why oh why use the pink tail for this row? Because the intarsia will fall into place much more neatly for the remaining rows.)

Round 4: Knit around, completing the second row of chart using the primary end of the pink yarn. Knit to end, and turn work. (Yes, turn work!)

Row 5: Add selvedge stitches while continuing chart:

- a. Add a selvedge stitch at beginning of row: On left needle, YO purl-wise, and then purl through the back of the YO.
- b. Purl across entire row, working the chart between markers as established. (Use the primary end of the pink yarn in this and remaining rows of chart.)
- c. Add a selvedge stitch at the end of row: YO purl-wise, and then slip the YO to the left needle. Purl through the back of the YO.
- d. Turn work.

Rows 6-15: Continue working back and forth in stockinette, working the chart as established.

Round 16: K2tog, and then knit across, completing last row of chart and to the last two stitches of the row. SSK.

Rounds 17-20: Join work to resume circular knitting, and knit around.

TOP SHAPING

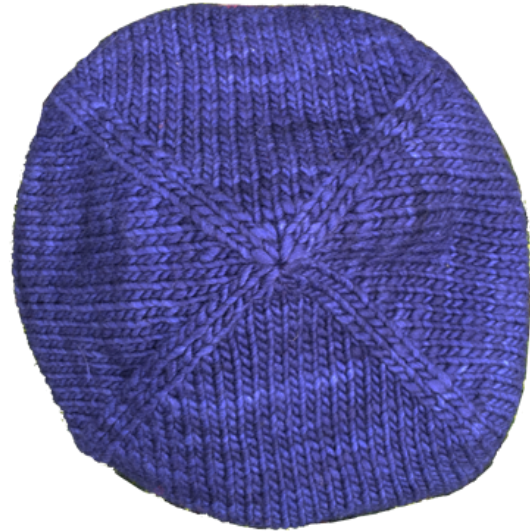
1. Place markers: Knit 13 and place marker; knit 26 and place marker; knit 26 and place marker; knit 26 and place marker; knit 13.
2. Repeat the following sequence until 8 stitches remain. Switch to double-pointed needles when necessary.
 - Round 1: Knit around.
 - Round 2: [Knit to two stitches before marker, K2tog, slip marker, SSK] 4 times. Knit remaining stitches. (8 stitches decreased)
3. Cut yarn, and thread through the remaining 8 stitches. Pull tight.

FINISHING

Using the lower navy blue tail, sew the lower edge as usual, and then work the yarn up to the slit. Sew the slit together inside the selvedge stitches; use mattress stitch to create an invisible seam.

Weave in all ends, and block the hat.

Well done! This pattern was tricky at times, but nevertheless you persisted!



LEGEND

K2tog - Knit 2 together

SSK - Slip 1 as if to knit. Slip 1 as if to purl. Insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped stitches. 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

Chart

