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Soft Shades Earflap Hat

A rainbow of shaded colors, this yarn is perfect for the happiest of winter hats. Knit it as shown or in any of the pretty shades available.

What you will need:


RED HEART® Boutique Unforgettable®: 1 ball 3965 Candied

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 4.5 mm [US 7]

1 Set Susan Bates® Double-Pointed Needles: 4.5 mm [US 7]

Stitch holder, yarn needle

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette Stitch. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

 **RED HEART® Boutique Unforgettable®, Art. E793** available in 3.5oz (100 g), 270 yd (247 m) balls

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size Small/Medium. Change for size Large/Xtra-Large in parenthesis.

To fit head: 20 (22)" [51 (56) cm]

Finished circumference: 18¾ (20¾)" [46 (53) cm]

NOTES

Hat is made beginning with I-cord ties made on Double-Pointed Needles. Then Earflaps and Hat are worked back and forth in rows in Stockinette St on Knitting Needles to crown/top. Hat has a center back seam. Pompom is attached to top of hat.

SPECIAL STITCHES

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together. Insert the right needle into two stitches at the same time and knit. This will result in a decrease of one stitch. This decrease will slant to the right.

M1L = Make One left slanting: Insert the left-hand needle under the horizontal strand between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from the front to the back, knit through the back of the loop.

M1R = Make One right slanting: Insert the left-hand needle under the horizontal strand between the stitch just worked and the next stitch from the back to the front, then knit through the front of the loop.

I-Cord

Using Double-Pointed Needles, knit across row, do not turn. Slide stitches to opposite end of needle, keeping yarn to back. Bring the yarn across the back and knit another row pulling the first stitch tightly to eliminate any gap across the stitches. Repeat until desired length.

I-CORD TIES and EARFLAPS

Using Double-Pointed Needles, cast on 4 sts. Work I-Cord Tie until it measures 12" [30 cm] from beginning.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Change to Knitting Needles and purl 1 row.

Row 2: (Right Side) Increase Row: P1, M1L, k2, M1R, p1—6 sts.

Row 3 (Wrong Side): K2, purl to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4 (Right Side) Increase Row: P2, M1L, knit to last 2 sts, M1R, p2—8 sts.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4, increasing 2 sts on every Right Side Row until there are 24 (26) sts on needle, end having just worked a Wrong Side Row. Cut yarn and place first Earflap (24 (26) sts on a stitch holder and set aside.

Make a second Earflap but do not cut yarn after last row, leave sts on Knitting Needles instead of placing on stitch holder.

HAT

Next Row (Right Side): With second Earflap (on Knitting Needles) and using Cable Cast on method, cast on 8 (10) sts (these become half of the back bottom edge sts). Purl across these sts, then purl the first 2 sts from the Earflap sts on the needle, knit 20 (22) sts to the last 2 Earflap sts, purl last 2 Earflap sts. Cast on 18 (22) sts using Cable Cast On Method (these sts become front

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bottom edge sts). Purl 2, knit 20 (22), purl 2 earflap sts from Stitch Holder. Then using Cable Cast On Method, cast on 8 (10) sts (These become the other half of the back bottom edge) —82 (94) sts.

Next Row (Wrong Side): P1 (edge st), k 9 (11), p20 (22), k22 (26), p20 (22), k9 (11), p1 (edge st) —82 (94) sts.

Next Row (Right Side): Knit across row.

Next Row: Repeat previous Wrong Side Row.

Next Rows: With Right Side facing and working in Stockinette St, continue until piece measures 5½ (6) [14 (15) cm] from cast on edge/top of Earflaps ending with a Wrong Side Row.

For larger size only, decrease 2 sts evenly across last Wrong Side Row—92 sts.

SHAPE CROWN

Row 1 (Right Side) decrease row: K1 edge st, *k 6 (7), k2tog*; repeat from * to* to last st, k1 edge st—72 (82) sts.

Row 2 (Wrong Side): Purl across row.

Round 3: (Right Side) decrease row: K1 edge st, *K5 (6), k2tog*; repeat from *to* to last st, k1 edge st—62 (72) sts.

Row 4 (Wrong Side): Purl across row.

Continue working decreases every Right Side Row as established until 22 (32) sts remain.

Next Row (Right Side) decrease row: k1 edge st, *K2tog*; repeat from *to* to last st, k1 edge st—12 (17) sts.

Next Row: Purl across row.

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a tail 15" [38 cm] long. With yarn needle, draw tail through remaining 12 (17) stitches twice, pull tightly and fasten securely. Using Mattress Stitch, sew back seam together. Make one 3" [8 cm] pompom, attach to top of hat securely. Weave in ends and block lightly.

ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

