

## CRED HEART CHARACTER KNIT BALACLAVA

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#### **MATERIALS**

Red Heart® Super Saver® (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m)

Contrast A Cafe Latte (0360) or Aran (0313)

1 ball

Contrast B Black (0312)

1 ball

Sizes U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) and U.S. 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needles 16" [40.5 cm] long. Set of 4 size U.S. 8 (5 mm) double-pointed needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch marker. Tapestry needle.





#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**Alt** = Alternate

**Approx** = Approximately

**Cont** = Continue(ity)

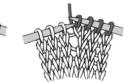
 $\mathbf{K} = Knit$ 

**K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches

together

**M1** = Make 1 stitch by picking up horizontal loop lying before next stitch and knitting into back of

loop



 $\mathbf{P} = Purl$ 

**PM** = Place marker

**Rem** = Remain(ing)(s)

**Rep** = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

**RS** = Right side

**Ssk** = Slip next 2 stitches one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through the back loops together.

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)

**WS** = Wrong side

### **SIZE**

One size to fit 4-6 year-old child.

## **GAUGE**

17 sts and 20 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

With smaller circular needle, cast on 76 sts. Join in rnd, placing marker on first st.

**1st rnd:** \*K2. P2. Rep from \* around. Rep last rnd for 3" [7.5 cm].

Switch to larger circular needle.

**Next rnd:** \*K19. M1. Rep from \* around. 80 sts.

Knit in rnds until work from last row of ribbing measures 4" [10 cm].

**Face opening: Next rnd:** K29. Cast off next 22 sts. Knit to end of rnd. Remove marker. Knit to end of row. 58 sts.



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Working back and forth across needle in rows, proceed as follows:

1st row: (WS). Purl.

**2nd row:** (RS). K1. ssk. Knit to last

3 sts. K2tog. K1. 56 sts.

3rd and alt rows: Purl.

4th row: Knit.

**6th row:** K1. M1. Knit to last st. M1.

K1. 58 sts.

**8th row:** Knit to end of row. Cast on 22 sts over cast-off sts. K29. PM.

80 sts.

Knit in rnds until work from last row of opening measures 2" [5 cm].

Shape crown (switching to double-pointed needles when necessary):

**1st rnd:** \*K6. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 70 sts.

2nd and alt rnds: Knit.

3rd rnd: \*K5. K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 60 sts.

5th rnd: \*K4. K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 50 sts.

**7th rnd:** \*K3. K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 40 sts.

9th rnd: \*K2. K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 30 sts.

11th rnd: \*K1. K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 20 sts.

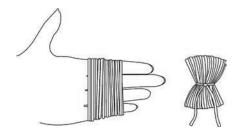
13th rnd: \*K2tog. Rep from \*

around. 10 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts and draw up tightly. Fasten securely.

#### Pompom (make 2)

Wind B around 4 fingers approx 60 times. Remove from fingers and tie tightly in center. Cut through each side of loops. Trim to smooth round shape. Attach pompoms to top of Balaclava as shown in photo.



# **I-cord edging**

With pair of double-pointed needles and B, cast on 5 sts. \*K5. Slip sts to opposite end of needle. Rep from \* until I-cord measures approx 12" [30.5 cm], when slightly stretched. Cast off. Beg at lower right corner, sew I-cord in position around Eye Opening as shown in photo, inserting and securing ends of I-cord into seam.



