



Hive Hat



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This super stretchy hat is fun to knit and amazingly comfortable to wear. Make one for you, one for a friend, and even one for baby. Work it up in 5 different colors of Dream in Color and you can't go wrong!

Materials:

- *Dream in Color Classy*, approx. 150 (100) total yards
- US size #8 – 16" circular and double pointed needles
- Stitch marker

Gauge: 4 ½ sts = 1"

Sizes: Adult, fits most. (Baby, small to large.)

Directions:

Cast on 80 (60) sts to the circular needle.
Place marker and join for working in the round.
Knit 1 round. Purl 6 (4) rounds.

* Change color, knit 6 (4) rounds. Change color, purl 6 (4) rounds. Repeat from * 3x more.
You will have worked 5 purl stripes and 4 knit stripes.

Begin shaping the crown, *switching to dpns when necessary*:

Round 1: Change color, knit all stitches.
Round 2: * Knit 8 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Round 3: Knit all sts.
Round 4: * Knit 7 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Adult size only - Round 5 & 6: Knit all stitches.
Change color, purl 6 (4) rounds.

Next decrease section:

Round 1: Change color, knit all stitches.
Round 2: * Knit 6 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Round 3: Knit all sts.
Round 4: * Knit 5 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Adult size only - Round 5 & 6: Knit all stitches.
Change color, purl 6 (4) rounds.

Final decrease section:

Round 1: Change color, knit all stitches.
Round 2: * Knit 2 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Round 3: Knit all sts.
Round 4: * Knit 1 sts, k2tog. Repeat from * to end.
Round 5 & 6: * K2tog. Repeat from * to end.



The Hive Hat above was knit in the following striped color sequence: Blue Lagoon, Happy Forest, Deep Seaflower, Spring Tickle and Romeo Blue. We also tried Visual Purple, Deep Seaflower, Plum Paisley, Blue Lagoon and Pansy Go Lightly.



Cut yarn and thread tail through remaining stitches.
Or if you're feeling sassy, finish your Hive Hat with an i-cord top-knot (*see below*). Take a deep breath and weave in all the ends. If desired, wet block and lay flat to dry.

Optional i-cord top-knot: K2tog until 3 sts remain.
Work i-cord on these 3 sts for 2-3 inches.
Bind off and bury tail in the i-cord. Tie into a knot.

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