

Santa's Ho-Ho-Hat



Size: One size fits Santa.

Finished Measurements: 16 1/2" long (not including pom-pom), 21" around, unstretched (will stretch to fit a variety of noggin sizes)

Gauge: 10 sts = 2" unstretched; 13 rows = 2"

Abbreviations found at end of pattern.

Materials List:

1, 110 gram skein red worsted weight alpaca/wool blend yarn

1, 110 gram skein beige worsted weight alpaca/wool blend yarn

1, 55 gram skein beige fingering weight mohair yarn

Size 8 US 16" circular needle (or size required to achieve gauge)

Size 8 US double pointed needles (or size required to achieve gauge)

Row counter

Stitch marker or small piece of scrap yarn

Yarn needle

Pom Pom maker or scrap cardboard to make your own (useful to get a jumbo pom-pom)

Santa's Ho-Ho-Hat Step by Step:

CO 100 sts on size 8 US 16" circular needle holding beige wool/alpaca and mohair yarns together as one.
Join sts and place marker to make beginning of round.

Knit 3" in K2, P2 ribbing

Break mohair yarn. Continue knitting with beige wool/alpaca yarn. Knit one round.

Still using beige wool/alpaca yarn, knit the following:

1 - *K23, K2TOG* x 4 (96 sts remain).

2 and 3 - Knit.

Break yarn and switch to using red wool/alpaca yarn. Knit 3 ½" in stockinette from color change.

From this point on, you'll be gradually decreasing the number of stitches to make the pointy part of the hat. Knit the

following 85 rounds (switching to DPNs when appropriate):

1 - *K22, K2TOG* x 4 (92 sts remain).

2-5 - Knit all stitches.

6 - *K21, K2TOG* x 4 (88 sts remain).

7-10 - Knit all stitches.

11 - *K20, K2TOG* x 4 (84 sts remain).



12-15 - Knit all stitches.
16 - *K19, K2TOG* x 4 (80 sts remain).
17-20 - Knit all stitches.
21 - *K18, K2TOG* x 4 (76 sts remain).
22-25 - Knit all stitches.
26 - *K17, K2TOG* x 4 (72 sts remain).
27-30 - Knit all stitches.
31 - *K16, K2TOG* x 4 (68 sts remain).
32-34 - Knit all stitches.
35 - *K15, K2TOG* x 4 (64 sts remain).
36-38 - Knit all stitches.
39 - *K14, K2TOG* x 4 (60 sts remain).
40-42 - Knit all stitches.
43 - *K13, K2TOG* x 4 (56 sts remain).
44-46 - Knit all stitches.
47 - *K12, K2TOG* x 4 (52 sts remain).
48-50 - Knit all stitches.
51 - *K11, K2TOG* x 4 (48 sts remain).
52-54 - Knit all stitches.
55 - *K10, K2TOG* x 4 (44 sts remain).
56-58 - Knit all stitches.
59 - *K9, K2TOG* x 4 (40 sts remain).
60-62 - Knit all stitches.
63 - *K8, K2TOG* x 4 (36 sts remain).
64-65 - Knit all stitches.
66 - *K7, K2TOG* x 4 (32 sts remain).
67-68 - Knit all stitches.
69 - *K6, K2TOG* x 4 (28 sts remain).
70-71 - Knit all stitches.

72 – *K5, K2TOG* x 4 (24 sts remain).

73–74 – Knit all stitches.

75 – *K4, K2TOG* x 4 (20 sts remain).

76–77 – Knit all stitches.

78 – *K3, K2TOG* x 4 (16 sts remain).

79–80 – Knit all stitches.

81 – *K2, K2TOG* x 4 (12 sts remain).

82–83 – Knit all stitches.

84 – *K1, K2TOG* x 4 (8 sts remain).

85 – Knit all stitches.

Cut yarn, thread end with yarn needle and draw yarn tail through the loops of the 8 remaining stitches. Knot and weave in ends.

Using “both of your beige yarns, make pom–pom using a pom–pom maker. Or, make your own out of cardboard! I traced a CD onto cardboard, and cut out two CD–sized circles. Then I cut smaller circles from the middles and cut two chunks out of the cardboard circles. You wind up big cardboard ‘C’s. Place a strand of yarn in between the ‘C’s, and then wrap the yarn around the cardboard. Slide scissors between the two layers of cardboard, cut the wrapped yarn around the edge of the circles, and pull the yarn in between the cardboard tight and knot. Fluff up and trim pom–pom to a nice ball shape. Attach to pointy end of hat.



Abbreviations

CO = Cast on

DPNs = Double pointed needles

K = Knit

K2TOG = Knit two stitches together (decrease one).

P = Purl

sts = Stitches

... x 10 = Repeat the instructions inside the stars ten times, or by however many times the pattern says

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