**Materials:**
Needles: Size US 8 16” circular needles
Size US 8 double-point needles (DPNs)
Yarn: 200-250 yards of any yarn from the Knots of Love’s approved list of yarns.
Stitch marker; Tapestry needle

**Notes:** This pattern may be sized up or down depending on your choice of yarn and corresponding circular needles. Add or decrease the number of starting stitches in multiples of 8 for thinner/thicker yarns with smaller/larger needles.

**Instructions:**
Using circular needles, cast on 80 sts. Place stitch marker and join in the round being careful not to twist cast-on stitches at the join.
Rnds 1 – 6: (P1, K1) Or continue for a 3” folded up brim (shown in pink & gray hat)

**Pattern:**
Rnd 1: *(P2, K2), repeat from * around.
Rnd 2: *(K1, P2, K1), repeat from * around.
Repeat these two rounds until work is about 5½ to 6½ inches, ending with Rnd 2.

**Crown Shaping:** (Switch to DPNs when necessary)
Rnd 1: *(P2, K2, P2, K2tog), repeat from * around. 70 sts.
Rnd 2: *(K1, P2, K2, P1, K1), repeat from * around.
Rnd 3: *(P2, K2, P1, K2tog), repeat from * around. 60 sts.
Rnd 4: *(K1, P2, K3), repeat from * around.
Rnd 5: *(P2, K2, K2tog), repeat from * around. 50 sts.
Rnd 6: *(K1, P2, K2), repeat from * around.
Rnd 7: *(P2, K1, K2tog), repeat from * around. 40 sts.
Rnd 8: *(K1, P2, K1), repeat from * around.
Rnd 9: *(P2, K2tog), repeat from * around. 30 sts.
Rnd 10: *(K1, P1, K1), repeat from * around.
Rnd 11: *(P1, K2tog), repeat from * around. 20 sts.
Rnd 12: K all.
Rnd 13: K2tog. 10 sts.

**Variations:** Cap can be made using all one color or contrasting colors. Simply knit the entire first rnd of the new color. Then continue in pattern.

**Finishing:** Break yarn, leaving 12". Thread onto a tapestry needle and loosely thread through the remaining stitches. Thread through a 2nd time and pull tightly to close the remaining hole. Thread to inside and stitch in place to secure. Weave in and out of a few stitches, and clip the remaining yarn.
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