



Napoleon Popsicle Cap.. by Jean Chung

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I made this hat for Stitches from the Heart. I joined in 2009 when I was studying for the California Bar Exam. I needed to knit something but something I could knit while studying. And these hands made a lot of baby hats during those two months.

Most advanced knitters would not even need this pattern, but I hope that even the knitter with the most elementary skill would be able to knit this cap and donate. The cap was originally named “Napoleon Popsicle” because I knitted it out of Loops & Threads Impeccable Ombre in “Neopolitan” colorway, and instead of Neopolitan, I kept pronouncing it Napoleon for the longest time. I needed a funky name, so this hat got stuck with Napoleon, not Neopolitan.

Size

Premies

Finished Measurements

Stitches from the Heart encourages donors to make hats in various sizes and will give the hats to whoever that fits into them. So don't worry about sizes or gauge!

Materials

Berroco Comfort “9760” (red) 50% Superfine Acrylic/50% Superfinne Nylon
(210yd/192m per 100g) 1 ball
US #8 DPNs
US #3 DPNs

Suggested Gauge

4.5 st/inch in Stockinette st

Directions

With US #8 needles, cast on 52 sts. Join in the round, careful not to twist the stitches.

Band

*k2, p2; repeat from * for 1 inch.

Body

Continuing with US #8 needles, k1, k1b, k25, k1b, knit to end. Work in Stockinette st until the work measures 4.5 inches from the cast-on edge. (In circular knitting, knit the stitches all the way to form Stockinette st)

Decrease Round 1: *k2tog, K2; repeat from * to end. (40sts)

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Knit evenly for 1 round

Decrease Round 2: *k2tog, k1; repeat from * end.

Repeat Decrease 2 until you have 8 sts left on your needle. You'll find that in some rounds, there are not enough stitches to do the repeat. Simply knit those stitches and keep going in the round.



Next Round: k2tog, k1, K2tog, stop.
(6sts)

*k2tog; repeat from * and work all
sts remaining.

With the remaining 3 sts, work I-
cord:

Switch to US #3 DPNs. Using two
needles, knit the three stitches, slip
all 3 sts over to the other end of the
needle; repeat.

I-cord should measure about 3.5
inches. Bind off, and cut yarn,
leaving about 8" of yarn. Using the
tapestry needle, fold the I-cord over

into a circle, and fix the end into the top of the hat. With a leftover yarn, make a
small bow.

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