



The Flap Cap

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Materials: 3 colors of worsted weight wool (Main Color (MC), A & B) I used 3 balls of Lite Lopi - color your charts with crayons or markers, accordingly
Size 7 needles (16 “ circular and set of double points)

Gauge: 4.5 or 5 sts = 1 inch

Begin with the ear flaps: if you wish them short, then increase 1 stitch each end of every row. If you want them to wrap under the chin, then increase 1 stitch each end of just the right side rows. (My photo shows the longer version).

Cast on 3 stitches with Color A and work I cord for 12 inches or longer if desired. Then working in stockinette stitch, increase as stated above until you have 19 stitches on your needle. Now work **Pattern #1**, beginning at the lower right hand corner, and when finished place these 19 stitches on a holder. Complete the other ear flap in the same manner.

Pattern #1

M	M	M	B	M	M	M	M	M	B	M	M	M	M	M	B	M	M	M
M	M	M	B	M	M	M	M	M	B	M	M	M	M	M	B	M	M	M
M	M	A	B	A	M	M	M	A	B	A	M	M	M	A	B	A	M	M
M	M	A	B	A	M	M	M	A	B	A	M	M	M	A	B	A	M	M
M	A	A	B	A	A	M	A	A	B	A	A	M	A	A	B	A	A	M
M	A	A	B	A	A	M	A	A	B	A	A	M	A	A	B	A	A	M
A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A
A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A	A	A	B	A	A	A

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With the Main Color and the 16 inch circular needle, cast on 18 stitches for the back of the cap, then knit across 1 ear flap. Now cast on 52 stitches for the front of the cap, and then work across the other ear flap. Place a marker and join in the round and knit 3 rounds with the Main Color. Total of 108 sts.

Pattern #2 consists of the following 3 rows.

Row 1: *knit 1 st with MC and one with color B. Repeat from * around.

Row 2: knit all stitches with color B.

Row 3: Repeat row 1.

Now work 3 rounds with the Main Color, then proceed to **Pattern #3** below. This is multiple of 6 for a total of 18 repeats. Begin at the lower right hand corner of the chart *.

A	A	A	MC	A	A
B	A	A	MC	A	A
A	A	MC	MC	MC	A
A	A	MC	MC	MC	A
A	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC
MC	MC	MC	A	MC	MC
MC	MC	A	A	A	MC
MC	MC	A	A	A	MC
MC	A	A	B	A	A
MC	A	A	A	A	A

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Work 1 round with Main Color yarn, then work a decrease round: k4, k2 together all around the cap.
Your total will now be 90 sts.
Work another round with MC.

Now repeat **Pattern #2** (the 3-row pattern.) Then, with MC, work one round even. Then work another decrease row, (knit 5, k2 tog, ending with K6), decreasing 12 stitches evenly spaced (78 sts remaining).

Now work 1 more round with the Main Color - then begin **Pattern 4**. This is a checkerboard design - a multiple of 6 sts for a total of 13 repeats. Begin at the lower right hand corner *.

Note: Usually we carry the alternate color loosely behind your work, but for this section of the hat, pull the colors rather tightly - thus giving the pattern vertical lines and helping to decrease the hat.

Pattern #4

A	A	A	B	B	B
A	A	A	B	B	B
A	A	A	B	B	B
B	B	B	A	A	A
B	B	B	A	A	A
B	B	B	A	A	A
A	A	A	B	B	B
A	A	A	B	B	B
A	A	A	B	B	B

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Now working with your Main Color, decrease as follows:

Row 1: k4, k2 tog = 65 sts remain

Row 2: k3, k2 tog = 52 sts remain

Row 3. k2, k2 tog = 39 sts

Row 4. k1, k2 tog = 26 sts

Row 5. k2 tog around = 13 sts. Now thread the yarn end on a large eyed needle and insert into all 13 sts, pulling up tightly and securing the yarn on the wrong side of the cap.

Then with color B, crochet 1 round of single crochet all around the bottom edges - jumping over the I cord. Then work 1 round of reverse crochet (sometimes called the crab or shrimp stitch.)

Another note: on one cap I used size 8 needles and of course it made the cap a little too large. I also added an extra row or two between the charts etc. I threw the finished cap in the hot water (small load) washer with an extra tea kettle of boiling water. It fulled beautifully - a little fuzzy and it blurred the colors a little. The red color “bled” a little, but not enough to spoil the look.