



The “Lift-Off” Hat

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The darling Rocketry sweater from Dream In Color (pattern and yarn available at Needleworks, Inc.) uses six colors of their *Classy* yarn. Leftovers are inevitable! I knitted this matching hat, echoing the design details of Rocketry, and named it Lift-Off. The pattern is available here with the generous permission of the folks at *Dream In Color*.

Gauge

5 sts = 1” in stockinette

Materials

Yarn: 6 colors of Dream In Color *Classy* left over after knitting *Rocketry* or yarn that will knit at same gauge.

Needles: 16” circular needle, Size US #7 (or size needed for gauge) double-pointed needles of the same size

Notions: 6 stitch markers (one marker of contrasting color)

Size

The pattern is written for a small child (fits 16” – 18”) or an adolescent to adult (fits 20” – 22”). Instructions for the larger size are in parentheses.

Abbreviations

CO = Cast On; **K** = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **P** = Purl; **PW** = Purlwise; **REM** = Remaining; **SL** = Slip next stitch; **STS** = Stitches; **WYIB** = With Yarn In Back.

Instructions

Your *Rocketry* sweater was knit from the top down. The hat is knit from the bottom up. Thus, if you want your hat to match your *Rocketry* sweater, arrange your colors in reverse order. You will begin with the color you used for the ribbing and button band on the sweater (Color A).

Using Color A, CO 72 (84) sts and join into round.

Work 5 rows in K1, P1 ribbing.

Change to Color B. K one round, slipping the K sts-pw-wyib and knitting the P sts. This will help keep the ribbing from flipping up.

K 4 (5) more rounds using Color B.

Change to Color C. (K2, sl1-pw-wyib) for first round.

K 4 (5) more rounds using Color C.

Continue in this manner, knitting 5 (6) rounds of each color, with the sl st detail on the first round.

After completing last round of Color F, place markers every 12 (14) sts, placing a contrasting color marker at beginning of round.

Change to Color A. Maintaining slip st pattern, (K until 2 sts rem before marker, K2tog) six times.

K 4 (5) more rounds using Color A. On rounds 2 and 4 (2, 4, and 6), K even. On rounds 3 and 5, (K until 2 sts rem before marker, K2tog) six times.

Change from circular to double pointed needles when necessary.

Change to Color B. Maintaining slip st pattern, (K until 2 sts rem before marker, K2tog) six times.

K (4) 5 more rounds using Color B. On rounds 2 and 4 (2, 4, and 6), K even. On rounds 3 and 5, (K until 2 sts

rem before marker, K2tog) six times.

Change to Color C. Maintaining slip st pattern, (K until 2 sts rem before marker, K2tog) six times.

K 4 (5) more rounds using Color C. On rounds 2 and 4 (2, 4, and 6), K even. On rounds 3 and 5, (K until 2

sts rem before marker, K2tog) six times. (Smaller size only: you will need to change to Color D for the last several rounds.)

When 6 sts rem, thread tail through tapestry needle and run through 6 sts. Tighten and pull tail to reverse side. Weave in ends.