**NANDO CAP**

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**Materials:**
Needles: 16" circular US #8
16" circular US #9
#9 double point needles
Yarn: 1 skein of any yarn from the Knots of Love approved yarn list. Available at www.knotsoflove.org
Tapestry needle
Stitch marker

Size: Adult Man, Average

**Instructions:**

Using smaller #8 circular needle cast on 78 stitches. Join into a round being careful not the twist at the join. Place stitch marker.

Knit 2, Purl 4 for 1 round.
Knit 2, Purl 4, all rounds until the piece is 2" in length. This forms the rib.
Change to larger #9 circulars and knit all rounds up to 5.5" to 6" (5.5" to 6" should cover the entire ear) including the rib.

**Crown Shaping:** Each hat will have 6 sections of 13 stitches.

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Rnds 1 and 2: Knit 11 st, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 3 and 4: Knit 10, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 5 and 6: Knit 9, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 7 and 8: Knit 8, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 9 and 10: Knit 7, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 11 and 12: Knit 6, knit 2 together. * Repeat

Rnds 13: Knit 5, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 14: Knit 4, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 15: Knit 3, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 16: Knit 2, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 17: Knit 1, knit 2 together. * Repeat
Rnds 18: Knit together.
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When circular needles become too long for the decreasing amount of stitches, begin knitting off onto double point needles, 2 sections per needle. Or if you know how to work in the round with 2 circulars, divide the knitting in half while knitting a round.

Only 2 stitches remain in each section. Cut 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, clip remaining yarn.

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