**Instructions:**

Using smaller size 7 needles cast on 80 stitches. Join in the round being careful not to twist at the join. Place a stitch marker.

*The red cap shown is made using the knit stitch and has no rib. It is made with a size 8 circular needle throughout.
The men’s cap is made with a rib as indicated below.

**Brim:**

**Round 1:** Knit 2, Purl 2 around until the piece measures 1 to 1½ inches in width.

**Pattern:**

Change to size 8 needles. Continue knitting all rounds until the piece measures 6.5” including the rib.

Or if you are making the red all knit, continue knitting all rounds until the cap measures 6.5” inches from the bottom of the roll.

**Crown Shaping:** Each hat will have 8 sections of 10 stitches.

**Rnd 1:** *Knit 8 sts, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

**Rnd 2:** and each even number round: knit plain.

**Rnd 3:** Knit 7 stitches, knit two together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

**Rnd 5:** *Knit 6 sts, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, for a total of 8 sections.

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.

**Rnd 7:** *Knit 5, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 9:** *Knit 4, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 11:** *Knit 3, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 13:** *Knit 2, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 15:** *Knit 1, knit 2 together. * Repeat 7 more times, totaling 8 sections.

**Rnd 16:** *Knit 2, together.

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

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**Materials:**

Yarn: Any worsted yarn from the Knots of Love required yarn list

Needles: 16” circular US #7

16” circular US #8

US #8 Double Point Needles

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

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