**Patriotic Slouchy Cap**

*Written for Knots of Love by Marie Spanos*

**Materials:**
- Needles: #8 (16) circular needles; #8 double-point needles
- Yarn: Any yarn from the Knots of Love required yarn list.
  - Red (R), White (W), Blue (B)
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

**Instructions:**

Using circular needle and white yarn, cast on 80 stitches. Being careful not to twist, place stitch marker and join to form a circle, K1, P1 for rounds 1–3. The remainder of cap will use KNIT only.

**Round 4:** Add blue yarn, *K2B, K1W*, repeat from * around.

**Rounds 5 and 7:** Knit around with B.

**Round 6:** K1B, *K1 W, K 2 B*, repeat from * around.

**Round 8:** *K2B, K1W*, repeat from * around

**Rnds 9 -12:** Knit around with B, then cut off B.

**Rnds 13-17:** With White yarn, K around.

**Rnds 18-22:** Add R yarn, knit around.

**Rnds 23-31:** (9 rnds): Add W and knit around.

**Round 32:** Add B and K around.

**Round 33:** *K3B, K1W*, repeat from * around and KB any leftover stitches to stitch marker.

**Round 34:** K1W, *K3B, K1W*, repeat from * around and KB any leftover stitches to stitch marker.

**Round 35:** K2B, K1W, * K3B, K1W*, repeat from * around cut off white yarn.

**Round 36:** Knit B around; and repeat round 36 until cap reaches 6.5 inches from cast on.

**DECREASE:** Switch to dpns when needed

**Round 1:** Add W, * K6, K2tog.; repeat from * K any stiches left.

**Round 2:** rounds 4 & 6: Knit around with specific stated color yarn.

**Round 3:** *K5, K2tog. Repeat from * around.

**Round 5:** *Add R yarn, cut off W, K4, K2tog., repeat from * around.

**Round 7:** *K3, K2 tog.; repeat from * around.

**Round 8:** *K2, K2 tog.; repeat from * around.

**Round 9:** *K1, K2 tog.; repeat from * around.

To complete cap, K2 tog. Until 2–3 stitches remain on each DPN. Cut yarn, thread through tapestry needle and remove stitches from dpns. Cinch tightly and secure inside of cap with a knot and weave in and out. Weave in all ends.
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