

MAGA Hat #2



Pattern Name: MAGA Hat #2

Source: personal pattern

Yarn: Hobby Lobby I Love This Yarn! Red (0.1 skein, 19 g), White (0.2 skein, 40 g), and Navy (0.16 skein, 31 g)

Gauge: 4.33 sts and 6 rows = 1 in (I used 3.5 mm)

Tags: seamed, flat, bottom-up, 3nbo

Notes

I'm going to do this one in the flat.

Did the bottom as 2x2 rib. CO one extra stitch so I end K1, as I will do [half-stitch mattress seams](#).

November 13, 2018

I was really exaggerating pulling the stitches to the right before bringing up the new yarn when stranding, and apparently I was simply overdoing it. Now I'm just pulling them a bit to the right--hard to quantify it better than that--and they're looking really good.

It might be helping that I'm working on a single 32" circ in the flat as well. Maybe after this project I could work in the round just as easily and as well.

November 14, 2018

Since I'm working flat, I'm doing intarsia-style wrapping when necessary at the beginning of rows when the new color is either above itself or ahead of itself with respect to the previous row. That way the leg closest to the edge of the WIP is coming from the proper direction.



Find Pi's tail!

I may need to stretch the stitches just a bit more than I did in early rows but definitely not as much as I did on the first hat. It's just a balancing thing.

Clearly something happens when there are dead vertical lines in stranded knitting, as the stars lie reasonably flat but the letters are pulled in a bit. But when hat is on head, I don't think it will show or matter much.



Time to sew up and close off the top.

Sewing Up with UNVENTED REVERSIBLE 3NBO

I put each half on its own circ, as an aid to sewing and also in prep of the 3-needle BO.

Ugh! I hate sewing! The first go at sewing went...poorly. Pulled it all back out and started again, and also remembered to piddle the CO edge together so it looks more continuous.

As I ran out of the beginning blue tail, I decided to close off the top with 3nbo, then use its tail to finish the rest of the blue. But of course, the ball yarn is in the wrong place to 3nbo and use the tail to finish the seam.

The MAGA side has 45 sts (the extra one being added to be used in sewing up), so I'll K2tog the first two, which will then give me 44 on both needles. Actually, I'll K1, then K2tog, so I can sew the edges more easily. Nope, I can't be sure I'll use the edges evenly as I sew, so I'll use an extra length to get to the top, then 3nbo.

On the very first stitch, I did a K2tog on the MAGA needle itself while also working the back needle, so both would have 44 sts. I did about 8 sts of the 3nbo and decided I wanted both sides to look the same. So I undid all but the first st, then did the 3nbo as, well, 1x1 ribbing, so that both sides would look the same. I like it!!!

