

# SOLSTICE HAT

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Solstice is a quick-knit pattern I designed for people who are knitting for The Dulaan Project or other good causes. It uses small amounts of soft bulky yarn. My first try was ill-proportioned, but this one fits a child's head very well. Knitting the sample took me about two hours from cast-on to stuffing the ball on the top.

## DIRECTIONS

Using Color A and smaller dbl pts or 16" circular, cast on 78 stitches. Join for circular knitting. Work k1, p1 ribbing for 3 rounds.

Switch to larger needles, join Color B, and follow color chart on page 2: 13 rounds.

Break Color B.

Using Color A, k 1 round. P 2 rounds.

## Crown shaping

Round 1 and all odd rounds: K even

Round 2: \*k11, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 4: \*k10, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 6: \*k9, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 8: \*k8, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 10: \*k7, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 12: \*k6, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 14: \*k5, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 16: \*k4, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 18: \*k3, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 20: \*k2, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 22: \*k1, k2tog; repeat from \* around

Round 24: \*k2tog; repeat from \* around  
6 stitches remain. K2tog around again: 3 st. remain

## I-cord

Put 3 remaining stitches on one double point. Using a second double point needle, knit them. Slide them to the other end of the needle and without turning work, draw yarn across back and knit the 3 stitches again. Continue in this way, knitting the three stitches and sliding work down to right side of left hand needle, until cord is approximately 2.5 inches long.



## DIFFICULTY: Intermediate

**SIZES:** One size, fits average child

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**  
19.5 inches around

## GAUGE

16 st and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm in st.st

## MATERIALS

### Yarn

Knit Picks Panache, 68 yards per 50 grams

Color A: Moss 1 ball

Color B: Cloud half a ball

### Needles

US #8/5 mm dbl pts or 16" circulars

US #9/5.5 mm dbl pts

### Notions

Tapestry needle for darning in ends

### Form Ball

Round 1: In each stitch of i-cord, kfb to make 6 stitches.

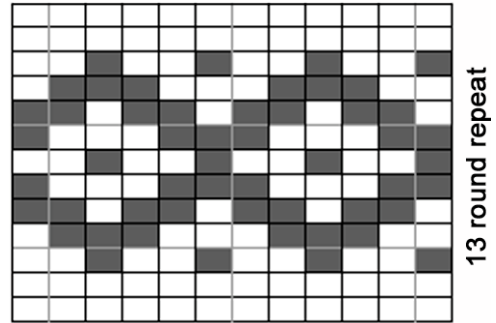
Place onto 3 dbl pts.

Round 2: kfb in each stitch to make 12 st.

Round 3 and 4: k even.

Round 5: k2tog around; 6 st.

Round 6: k2tog around; 3 st.



### Finishing

Take a small amount of left over yarn to match Color A.

This does not need to be the exact same yarn, but should

be a similar color. Wind a small, tight ball. Place the ball into the opening of your knitted ball.

Break yarn from knitting with a 6-inch tail. Use tapestry needle to draw tail through remaining 3 st and pull snug. For extra security, pass yarn through stitches twice. Pass yarn through center of ball, emerging near join with I-cord. Wrap yarn twice around base of ball and pass back through center of ball. Pull snug. Crossing one strand of knitted ball, pass yarn back through center, emerging near base again. Snip close to surface of ball. End will work into center.

Darn in ends. Wash and block as needed. A rounded bowl or small ball may be used to shape damp hat while drying.

*Note: Using a worsted wt yarn and size 7 needles will result in a baby-sized hat.*

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