

## Whitman College Hat

*All of these directions can be tailored. If you like a wider or longer or shorter body, feel free to keep knitting!*

### **Materials:**

I used Patons Classic Wool Worsted because I happened to be at a Joanne Fabrics that had Navy and White (3.5 oz = 194 yards), US #3 16-inch circular and double pointed needles, US #2 16-inch circular needles, markers.

**Gauge:** 22 stitches in 4 inches after blocking with the #3 needles.

**Size:** approximately 20 inches circumference

### **Pattern:**

Cast-on 110 Stiches: Working with navy and smaller needle size, cast-on 110 sts. Being careful not to twist the cast-on, place marker and join into a round.

Make the Ribbing: For Rounds 1-12: (k1,p1) repeat

Start body of the hat: Change to the larger needles and knit 6 rounds.

Color Work: Below is the chart for the WC. Repeat this pattern 5 times.

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When WC is complete, continue knitting until you have a length you want. (My son prefers a slightly longer hat that rests farther back on his head.)

Closing: Two options- One closes the hat quickly; one is slightly more of a tapered point.

### **Option One: Quick Closing**

Creates a star type pattern with 10 points. The hat puckers a bit at the top. Change to the Double Pointed Needles when needed.

Round 1: (K9,K2tog)repeat. (end with 100 stitches)

Round 2: (K8, K2tog) repeat. (end with 90 stitches)

Round 3: (K7, K2tog) repeat. (end with 80 stitches)

Continue with this pattern, knitting and decreasing.

When you are down to ten stitches total after round 10, continue to simply K2tog until you are down to three stitches. Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread yarn through a tapestry needle, hook it through the three stitches a couple times and push tail to the inside of the hat. Weave in all ends. Block lightly to smooth out the knitting.

### **Option Two: More Gradual Closing**

Creates a star type pattern with 5 points. Change to the Double Pointed Needles when needed.

Round 1: (K21,K2tog)repeat. (end with 105 stitches)

Round 2: (K20, K2tog) repeat. (end with 100 stitches)

Round 3: (K19, K2tog) repeat. (end with 95 stitches)

Continue with this pattern, knitting and decreasing until you are down to five stitches. Cut yarn, leaving an 8-inch tail. Thread yarn through a tapestry needle, hook it through the stitches a couple times and push tail to the inside of the hat. Weave in all ends. Block lightly to smooth out the knitting.