



Jayne's Hat

Inspired by that worn by the character Jayne in an episode of the short-lived television series "Firefly." It is made with Peace Fleece Worsted Knitting Yarn (70% wool, 30% mohair), in Firebird Orange (MC), Chickie Masla (CC1), and Glasnost Gold (CC2), on size 10 – 16" circulars and DPNs. Peace Fleece is perfect for this hat – it's still got rare bits of hay in it! Visit them at <http://www.peacefleece.com>.



With circular needles and MC, cable cast on 80 stitches. Join to knit in round, placing marker, and being careful not to twist stitches. Work 3 rows of 1x1 (K1, P1) ribbing.

Work 10 more rows in MC of stockinette. For color changes: Slip last stitch of 10th row (stitch before marker), join CC1 and knit 20 rows.

Decrease row 1: *knit 8, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

Decrease row 2: *knit 7, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

Decrease row 3: *knit 6, k2tog, repeat from * to end of row.

Continue decreasing with 1 less knit stitch before k2tog, until 8 stitches are left.

Break yarn and draw through remaining stitches. Weave in end on inside of hat.

Ear flaps: Place markers at: 10 stitches from one side of back of cast on edge, and at 20 more stitches from the first marker. Pick up 20 stitches between markers with CC2, and beginning with purl row, work 19 rows in stockinette (purl row being on wrong side of hat). Decrease next row by: SSK at beginning of RS row, and k2tog at end. WS rows: p2tog at beginning of row, purl to last 2 stitches. Turn work, work reverse SSK, repeat RS row. Continue to last stitch, break yarn with longish tail (10" or so) and draw through loop. Repeat on other side for second ear flap.

Finishing: Cut 20" lengths of CC2 and sew through ends of ear flaps, braiding in with tail, end in fringed knot. Weave in all ends, and trim. Add 2.5" pompon to top of hat made with all three colors of yarn.

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