



Knit a Reflective Hat

with Maggie Pace



If you love working with vibrant colors, then this quick-to-knit hat pattern is perfect for you. The design not only features neon pink and yellow stripes, but the yarn used for the stripes is reflective, so when you wear it out at night, the hat will reflect light from cars, street lamps, and flash photography. A great option for nighttime walks or bicycle rides! Maggie shares excellent tips for working jogless joins in the round, so the stripes will line up seamlessly. The beanie is finished off with a giant pink fluffy pom-pom—after all, this hat is not about subtlety.

Materials:

- 1 ball Red Heart Heads Up in Steel (80% Acrylic / 20% Wool; 3.5oz; 106 yards), or approximately 100 yards of chunky gray yarn
- 1 ball each of Red Heart Reflective yarn in Neon Yellow and Neon Pink (85% Acrylic / 15% Polyester; 3.5oz; 88 yards)
- 16" circular needles size US 8
- Double-pointed needles size US 8
- 10 stitch markers (one in a different color)
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Pompom maker

Gauge:

17 sts over 4" on size US 8 needles

What You'll Learn:

- Long-tail cast on
- Jogless color changes
- How to work on double-pointed needles
- How to make a pompom

PATTERN:

Using long-tail cast on and gray yarn, cast on 92 stitches. Join to work in the round, making sure stitches aren't twisted.

Rounds 1-8: Place marker for beginning of round, and work 2 x 2 rib (knit 2 stitches, purl 2 stitches) to create the ribbed brim.

Round 9: Knit 2 together (k2tog). Work 45 stitches in Stockinette stitch, and then k2tog again. Work the remaining 45 stitches in Stockinette to end of round—90 stitches remain on the needles.

Round 10: Knit.

Rounds 11-30: Continue to work in Stockinette stitch in the following stripe sequence: 2 rounds pink, 4 rounds gray, 2 rounds pink, 4 rounds gray, 2 rounds yellow, 4 rounds gray, 2 rounds pink.

Round 31: Knit 9 stitches, place marker (pm). Continue to place markers every 9 stitches all the way around.

Round 32 (decrease round): Knit to 2 stitches before the marker, k2tog, slip marker. Repeat decrease all the way around, decreasing the last two stitches before each marker—80 stitches remain.

Round 33: Knit

Rounds 34-44: Repeat Rounds 32-33, decreasing every other round until 10 stitches remain on the needles. (Switch to double-pointed needles when stitches become too tight on the circulars.)

When 10 stitches remain, cut a long tail and thread it onto a yarn needle. Slip stitches off of double-points, onto the yarn needle, threading the remaining stitches onto the tail. Pull tight and weave in ends on inside of hat.

Using pink yarn, make a pompom and attach to top of hat.