

# STRONGER TOGETHER HAT

a free knitting pattern by Laura Birek  
celebrating the historic nomination of Hillary Clinton

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## Finished Measurements

22" at brim

## Yarn

Lion Brand Wool-Ease (80% Acrylic, 20% Wool;  
197 yards/85g):  
MC Fisherman 099, 1 skein; CC1 Ranch Red  
102, 1 skein, CC2 Navy 111, 1 skein.

## Needles

US 7 (4.5mm) DPNs and circular needles, or size  
to obtain gauge

## Notions

Yarn Needle  
Stitch Markers

## Gauge

20 sts and 26 rows = 4" in St st, blocked.

## Notes:

This hat is worked with stranded colorwork, but special attention needs to be paid on rows where there are long gaps between colors. Make sure to catch inactive yarns every 4-5 stitches to avoid really long floats. Here's a video tutorial that explains the technique further: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b-D7arufsuvq>

Also, because of the floats, the hat will be less stretchy than your usual stockinette stitch. If you need to add more room in the hat, I'd recommend adding an extra vertical column of MC sts to the end of the chart, so you'll have 2 plain columns of MC between each chart repeat. That would add about 1.5" in this gauge.

I used 16" circulars for the brim and colorwork, and then switched to DPNs after a few crown decreases. You can also use DPNs throughout if your needles are long enough.



## Directions

### Brim

Loosely CO 112 sts. Place marker to indicate beginning of round.  
Join round, being careful not to twist sts.  
Rounds 1-5: \*K2, p2, repeat from \* to end.

### Hat Body

Switch to stockinette stitch (knit every stitch), and begin working the color chart. (7 repeats for each round.)  
Rounds 6-20: Work all rows of color chart.  
Rounds 21-26: K all sts in MC.

Hat should measure approximately 4" after 26 rows.

If you would like to add additional length to the hat body, continue knitting in MC until you've reached your desired length.

### Crown

Crown is shaped by 4 pairs of balanced decreases-



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es, so each decrease row reduces the stitch count by 8.

\*K28, place marker, repeat from \* 4 times total.

**Decrease Round 1:** \*SSK, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, repeat from \* 4 times total. (104 sts)

**Decrease Rounds 2:** K all sts.

Repeat Decrease Rounds 1-2 a total of 13 times, or until you have 8 sts remaining.

Cut yarn tail and, with yarn needle, draw through the 8 remaining sts to secure them, and cinch tight like a drawstring.

### Finishing

Wash and block, then weave in ends gently.

