

This sweet little baby hat is knit with a fun yarn called "Gumballs" from Knitted Wit. They are 45 yard mini skeins that come in lots of fun colors, and when I saw them in the shop I knew I wanted to design something with them! This hat is perfect for a quick baby shower gift, and i'm sure the mom will be delighted to see the adorable little elephants walking around the grass!

## Materials

Knitted Wit Gumballs (100\% Superwash Merino Wool; 45 yards/12 gram skeins)
1 each in the following colors:
Color A "The Royal"
Color B "Green"
Color C "Glacial Pace"
Color D "Silver"
Or the following amounts of other fingering weight yarn:
Color A: Approx. 28 yards
Color B: Approx. 25 yards
Color C: Approx. 45 yards
Color D: Approx. 30 yards
US Size 1(2.25mm) 16" Circular Needle
US Size 2(2.75mm) 16" Circular Needle
US Size $2(2.75 \mathrm{~mm})$ Double Pointed Needles (DPNs)
Stitch marker
Tapestry needle

## Gauge

8 sts per 1" on larger needles in Stockinette Stitch worked in the round.

## Finished Measurements

13" around, 5.5" long

## Pattern Notes

As you are working the Fair-Isle color chart, you will be stranding the unused color behind the work creating "Floats" of the non-working yarn. If your float spans more than 5 stitches, twist the yarns on the backside to avoid long floats that could get snagged. See picture below:


## Pattern

Using smaller circular needles and Color A, cast on 100 sts. Join to begin working in the round, being careful not to twist your sts.

Begin working in K2 P2 ribbing for 1". Cut color A. Switch to Color B and Larger needles.

Work in St st for $.5^{\prime \prime}$. Cut color B. Join colors C and D and work the following chart once (Chart will be repeated 5 times across the round) using the Fair-Isle knitting technique (See Pattern Notes)


After completing the color chart, cut color D and continue with color C, working even in St st until hat measures 4" from cast on edge. Begin decreasing as follows, switching to DPNs when work no longer fits on circular needle:
Round 1 (Using Color A): $K$ to end of round.
Round 2 (Using Color B): *K8, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (90 sts remain)
Round 3 (Using Color C): K to end of round.
Round 4 (Using Color D): *K7, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (80 sts remain)
Round 5 (Using Color A): K to end of round.
Round 6 (Using Color B): *K6, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (70 sts remain)
Round 7 (Using Color C): K to end of round.
Round 8 (Using Color D): *K5, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (60 sts remain) Round 9 (Using Color A): K to end of round.
Round 10 (Using Color B): *K4, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (50 sts remain)
Round 11 (Using Color C ): K to end of round.
Round 12 (Using Color D): *K3, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (40 sts remain)
Round 13 (Using Color A): $K$ to end of round.
Round 14 (Using Color B): *K2, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (30 sts remain)
Round 15 (Using Color C): *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end of round. (20 sts remain)
Round 16 (Using Color D): *K2tog, rep from * to end of round. (10 sts remain)

## Finishing

Cut all yarns, leave long enough tails to weave in. Using last color (Color C), thread tail through remaining stitches on DPNs using tapestry needle and cinch tight. Weave in all ends on wrong side. Block.

## Abbreviations

St(s): Stitch(es)
K: Knit
P: Purl
St st: Stockinette Stitch
K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together
Rep: Repeat

