

Knit this colorful hat – based on BB-8 from Star Wars: The Force Awakens – to let everyone know that you love all Star Wars fans, regardless of how many movies they've seen or books they've read.

The stripe pattern of rows 7-10 is available as a chart on the last page.

### **The Body of the Hat**

Cast on in grey yarn. 100 for large (it fits my father well enough). 80 for the small (for me). Or you can estimate the size around your head and cast on what fits as long as it's a multiple of ten: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, etc.

Row 1-3: Join in the round being careful not to twist. Place a marker where you joined. Work in K2, P2, rib for three rounds

Row 4: Knit one round.

Row 5: Cut grey yarn and pick up white from behind. Knit one round in white.

Row 6: Knit around in white

Row 7: Knit 10 in orange, \* 1 white, 1 orange, 1 white, 1 orange, 1 white \* two times. Knit 3 orange, knit 1 white, knit one orange, knit 20 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 3 orange, \* knit 1 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 5 orange \* Repeat this pattern until you reach the end of the row. Even if you stop in the middle of the pattern, it will be alright.

Row 8-10: Knit 10 in orange, \* 1 white, 1 orange, 1 white, 1 orange, 1 white \* two times. Knit 3 orange, knit 22 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 3 orange, \* knit 1 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 1 orange, knit 1 white, knit 5 orange \* Repeat this pattern until you reach the end of the row.

Row 11: Knit around in white. Continue to knit in white stockinette stitch until work measures 5 inches

### **The Decrease Section of the Hat**

Row 1: Pick up orange and follow pattern \* k 10, pm \* around. These need to be different than the marker you placed where you joined the cast on stitches, so you can tell them apart.

Row 2: \* k to last two stitches before marker, k2tog \*

Row 3: Knit around

Row 4: Pick up white yarn, knit around.

Row 5: \* k to last two stitches before marker, k2tog \*

Row 6: Pick up grey yarn, knit around

Row 7: \* k to last two stitches before marker, k2tog \*

Row 8: Knit around

Row 10: \* k to last two stitches before marker, k2tog \*

Row 11: Pick up white and knit around

Row 12: \* k to last two stitches before marker, k2tog \*

Row 13: Knit around

Remainder: Work rows 12-13 until there are only two stitches left between each marker. Remove markers on the next knit row. On the next and last row \* k2tog \* all the way around. Cut the yarn and pull through the remaining stitches.

### **The Eye Sockets**

You can use whatever method you like to make the eye sockets as seen in the film. Here are a few of my suggestions.

- Knit a flat circle (as in my example) <http://aly-oops.blogspot.com/2008/03/how-to-knit-flat-circle.html>
- Crochet a Circle <http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/crocheting-in-circles.html>
- Duplicate stitch <http://learntoknit.lionbrand.com/faq/253.html?language=>

Mine are two inches across and four inches across. For the knit circle and the crochet circle you can stuff a little butterfly of yarn behind the circle when you sew it on.

No BB-Hate  
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