

Olympic Reindeer Hat

as seen on ralphlauren.com and on the heads of the 2010 USA Olympic team

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This AWESOME hat was sold for \$65 on the Ralph Lauren website, and sold on eBay for upwards of \$400 after the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Olympics. I charted the colorwork and did a bit of calculating to write the pattern, which should fit an adult. For a slightly **smaller** hat, **remove** a few extra rows of white above and below the reindeer.

Materials:

- Size **5 and 6** circular 16" and set of DPNs (or use circular 40" or longer for magic loop)
- 1 hank each color Cascade 220 cream (8010), deep red (8895), and navy (8393)

NOTE: Chart represents half of the hat. Each row of chart is worked twice in each round.

Pattern Instructions:

Using smaller needle, provisionally CO 108 sts in blue, pm and join for working in the round. K 15 rows even. **Switch to larger needle and** proceed work rows 1-14 in chart, introducing other colors where indicated. **Be sure to carry your yarns LOOSELY**, and wrap yarns around each other at each color change to prevent holes in finished garment.

Working row 15 of chart, PU each provisionally cast-on st and k it together with corresponding live st on your needle. This



makes a tidy hemmed edge for the hat, and a smooth interior against the wearer's forehead.

Continue working chart rows 15-55. On row 55 of chart, *k27, pm, rep from * until end of round. Decrease round: k2tog, k to within 2 sts of marker, ssk. Repeat to end of round (8 sts decreased). Next round: K all sts even.

NOTE: "Missing" sts due to decreases appear as grey squares on chart.

Repeat last 2 rounds until 4 sts remain. Break yarn, pull through rem 4 sts, and weave in ends.

If desired, tassel branches can be made by braiding 3 strands of blue yarn together. Tie off, leaving 1" tail, and fray all strands of yarn. Wrap red yarn above frayed tassel and attach to hat peak.

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