



Romancing the Hat

Choose bright Valentine's colors for a hat that adds romance to your look any time you wear it! It's easy to knit in these warm colors or whatever colors you choose.

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Finished Measurements: 17 (18¾, 20½)".

Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses.

Red Heart® With Love™: One skein each 1252 Mango **A**, 1909 Holly Berry **B**, 1703 Candy Pink **C**, and 1538 Lilac **D**.

Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9].
Yarn needle; pompom maker.

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4"; 32 rows = 4" in pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

HAT

With **A**, cast on 62 (68, 74) sts.

Row 1 (Right Side): Knit.

Row 2: P1, knit to last st, p1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 1", end Row 2. Change to **B** and work in pattern as follows:

Rows 1 and 3 (Right Side): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 4: P1, knit to last st, p1.

Row 5: K1, purl to last st, k1.

Row 6: P1, knit to last st, p1.

Rows 1-6 form pattern. Repeat Rows 1-6 with **C**, then **D**, **A**, and **B**. Continue in this sequence until hat measures 7 (8, 9)" from beginning, end Row 6.

Shape Crown

Keeping continuity of color sequence, work as follows:

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, [k8 (9, 10), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 56 (62, 68) sts.

Row 2: Purl 1 row even.

Row 3: K1, [k7 (8, 9), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 50 (56, 62) sts.

Row 4: P1, knit to last st, p1.

Row 5: K1, [p6 (7, 8), p2tog] 6 times, k1 – 44 (50, 56) sts.

Row 6: Repeat Row 4.

Row 7: K1, [k5 (6, 7), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 38 (44, 50) sts.

Row 8: Repeat Row 2.

Row 9: K1, [k4 (5, 6), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 32 (38, 44) sts.

Row 10: Repeat Row 4.

Row 11: K1, [p3 (4, 5), p2tog] 6 times, k1 – 26 (32, 38) sts.

Row 12: Repeat Row 4.

Row 13: K1, [k2 (3, 4), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 20 (26, 32) sts.

Row 14: Repeat Row 2.

Row 15: K1, [k1 (2, 3), k2tog] 6 times, k1 – 14 (20, 26) sts.

Row 16: Repeat Row 4.

Row 17: K1, [p0 (1, 2), p2tog] 6 times, k1 – 8 (14, 20) sts.

Sizes Medium and Large Only-Row 18: Repeat Row 4.

Row 19: K1, [p (0, 1), p2tog] 6 times, k1 – 8 (14) sts.

Size Large Only-Row 20: Repeat Row 2.

Row 21: K1, [p2tog] 6 times, k1 – 8 sts.

All Sizes

Cut yarn leaving a 15" tail. With tail in yarn needle, weave through remaining sts, draw up firmly, fasten securely and then sew back seam.



Pompom

With one end of each color held together, make a large (approximately 3½") pompom and attach to top of hat.

Weave in any loose ends.



RED HEART® With Love™, Art. E400, available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 390 yd (357 m) and multi-color 5 oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C, D** = color A, B, C, D; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.