

# Mentha's Hat By Diana Romero



- obtain gauge).
- 5 mm (US 8) straight needles, for casting on (or circular, or DPNs, as preferred)
- Tapestry needle.
- One stitch marker.
- Sewing needle
- Sewing thread to match MC1.
- Short length of contrasting yarn

I wrote this pattern to use up the yarn I had leftover from knitting a baby cardigan. It's knitted for the mother of said baby, cause I want her to have a little something as well.

This is a fun hat that can be worn in two different ways. With the cords down, as shown on the first picture, or with the cords tied on top (Shown later).

## SIZE:

One size fits all.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

44 cm diameter and 19 cm high, not stretched. Stretches to fit almost any adult head.

## MATERIALS:

- 0.75 skein of Phildar Quiétude in Opera (Red) (MC1)
- 0.75 skein of Phildar Quiétude in Black (MC2)
- 4.5 mm (US 7) DPNs (or size to

## Note on the Yarn used:

Phildar Quiétude is a Worsted Weight 50% Wool, 50% Acrylic yarn, machine washable. It's sold in 50 grams skeins, approx. 90 meters / 98 yards. You can substitute any other worsted weight yarn. You will need approx. 80 meters of each color.

## GAUGE:

20sts/24rows = 10cm (4 in) in stockinette in the round, using 4.5 mm needles (adjust needle size to obtain this gauge, and use a size bigger for casting on)

## PATTERN NOTES:

This hat requires knowing how to knit in the round using DPNs, changing colors, carrying up the colors over the stripes, and grafting (kitchener stitch).

I'd consider it an advanced beginner's pattern.

2x2 rib in the round (over a multiple of four): all rounds, \*k2, p2\* to end of the round.

## PATTERN:

### Knit the hat:

With MC1 and bigger needles, cast on 96 stitches. Divide evenly over 4 DPNs and join to knit in the round (careful to not twist!). Place a marker to mark the beginning of the round.

Knit 6 rounds of 2x2 rib with MC1.

Change to MC2, **do not cut MC1**, and knit 6 more rounds in 2x2 rib, carrying up the MC1, weaving it along the way.

Change back to MC1, **do not cut MC2**, and knit 6 rounds, carrying up the other color and weaving it.

Keep knitting the hat in stockinette with the stripes as follow:

*Rows 19-24: MC2*

*Rows 25-30: MC1*

*Rows 31-36: MC2*

*Rows 37-42: MC1*

*Rows 43-48: MC2*

*Rows 49-51: MC1*

Arrange the stitches on two needles, cut approx. 1m long tail and graft (kitchener) closed the top of the hat.

I like this tutorial for kitchener:

<http://www.knitty.com/issuesummer04/FETAtheresasum04.html> .



This picture shows the kitchener top of the hat.

I like the look of kitchener for this much better than a three needle bind off, but you may use that if you don't want to graft so many stitches. If you use a 3 needle BO, knit one more row of MC1! (row 52, and then do a 3 needle BO).

### Make twisted cords with tassels:

Cut four lengths, 1.6 m each (1.75 yards) of each color (that's four in red and four in black). Gather all eight lengths together, and tie a knot on each end, very close to the tips, and trying to make it easy to undo.

Place one tied end around a door handle (or similar), and the other around a pen, and twist and twist (and twist!) until the cord twists back onto itself. When this happens, keeping the twisted cord taught, locate the middle, place a finger there, and let the cord twist back onto itself. Get both tied ends, and tie them together, trying to leave 6cm to make the tassel, undo the first two knots (that only tie 8 strands together) to make tassel. Tie the other end at about the same distance, and cut the loop to make second tassel.

Locate the middle of the twisted cord (tie a contrasting length of yarn), and make a knot on each side of the middle, about 1 cm from the contrasting yarn. Cut between these two knots (where the contrasting yarn is).

Now you have two happy tasseled twisted cords.

**Finishing:**

Weave in ends. (If you carried your colors along, you will have only four ends to weave in!).

With sewing needle and matching thread, sew one twisted cord on each top corner of the hat.

Wear with a sense of humor!



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