

# Zportz

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Now you can support your favorite team by knitting their colors into a fun hat. This hat features a very easy and quick to knit stranded color pattern that looks great in any color combination.

Of course, you don't have to knit team colors; you can choose any two colors you like. For example, grays and browns will produce a very masculine hat while pinks and purples will fit right into any little girl's wardrobe.

Choose your colors, cast on and in no time you will have a hat for yourself or a gift for your favorite sports fan.

Go team!!!

**Finished Size:** 19" to 21"

**Yarn:** Any sport or DK weight yarn; the original was knitted with approximately 60 meters / 66 yards each of two colors of Wolle Rodel Allround, total of 120 meters / 132 yards (40% wool, 30% polyacryl, 30% polyamid; 125 meters / 50 grams)

**Gauge:** 12 sts / 16 rows = 2" in 2x2 rib pattern knit circularly (slightly stretched)

**Needles:** Size US 4 / 3.50 mm and US 5 / 3.75 mm circular needle or a set of double pointed needles

**Notions:** stitch marker

## Hat

With smaller needles cast on 100 stitches with first color; place marker and join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work k2, p2 ribbing all the way around until work measures about 1¼" from the edge. The circumference of the hat can be increased by simply casting on additional stitches in the increments of ten.

Switch to larger size needles. Please note that the first round of the color pattern is knitted in a single color; add the second color starting with the next round and complete the colorwork pattern once.

Make sure to strand the yarn loosely enough to accommodate the stretching necessary for a hat to fit correctly and to avoid puckering. The easiest way to ensure proper tension is to spread out the stitches on the right needle before each color change; this will stretch out the float without making it much too long. Depending on your preference, you may also consider weaving some of the longer color floats as you knit.

The last row of the colorwork pattern is knitted in the second color only to set up for the decreases. The decreases are then knitted using only the second color; you may cut off the first color making sure to leave a tail long enough for secure weaving. For a larger hat simply add a few more plain rows before starting the decrease rounds.

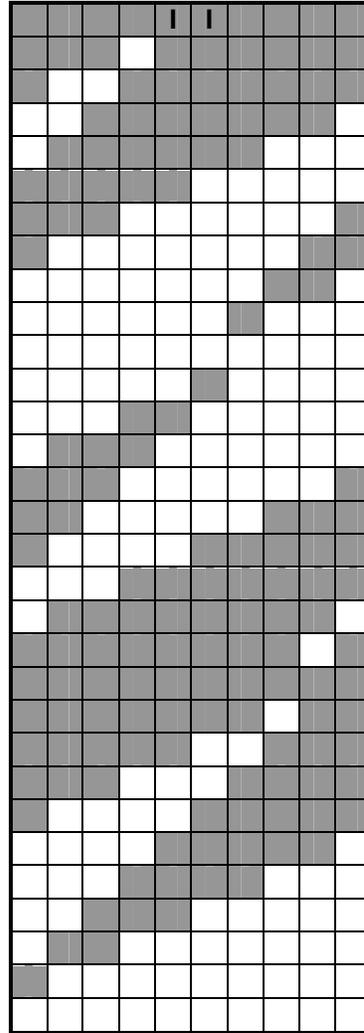
Remove row marker and knit to the last two stitches before the next color point (marked with I on the color chart), replace the marker. Form decreases as follows:

- Row 1 \*K2tog, k8; rep from \* to end.
- Row 2 Knit to end.
- Row 3 \*K2tog, k7; rep from \* to end.
- Row 4 Knit to end.
- Row 5 \*K2tog, k6; rep from \* to end.
- Row 6 Knit to end.
- Row 7 \*K2tog, k5; rep from \* to end.
- Row 8 Knit to end.
- Row 9 \*K2tog, k4; rep from \* to end.
- Row 10 Knit to end.
- Row 11 \*K2tog, k3; rep from \* to end.
- Row 12 Knit to end.
- Row 13 \*K2tog, k2; rep from \* to end.
- Row 14 Knit to end.
- Row 15 \*K2tog, k1; rep from \* to end.
- Row 16 Knit to end.
- Row 17 \*K2tog; rep from \* to end, 10 stitches remain.

Break yarn, thread the tail through the remaining stitches, pull the hole closed tight and weave the tail on the inside of the hat.

Weave in any remaining loose ends; block gently to even out the stitches.

### Color Chart



- color 1
- color 2
- pattern repeat

