



## *Colorful Summer Chemo Cap*

Skill level: Intermediate

4-5 Colors of Silkience, by EllaRae (DK weight),  
Size 6 needles, 16" circular, dp, Tapestry needle

In this cap, give full reign to your creativity. If you use a larger yarn, you will have to adjust the number of stitches, which is somewhat unfortunate, since 96 is a wonderful number of stitches, and accommodates a wide variety of stitch patterns, since it is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, etc.

Begin with Puntas – from Lucy Neatby:

With color A, cast on gently 144 stitches, attach without twisting

Round 1: with color B, knit

Round 2: with color B, purl

Round 3: with color C, knit 8 (4-st. balanced decrease\*, k10) around, final rpt. k2 (96 sts)

Round 4: with color C, purl

Round 5: with color D (k6, make 4-st. balanced decrease\*)

Round 6: with color D, purl (this leaves you with

48 sts)

Round 7: with color D, (k1, yo) around (96 sts)

Round 8: with color D, purl, completes the puntas

Beginning with Round 9, change colors and stitch patterns as desired until the hat measures 5 1/2 – 6 inches from the upper part of the edge. Then:

Purl one round and begin decreases (switch to dpns when necessary):

Round 1: (k10, k2tog) around (88 sts)

Round 2 and all even rounds: K (I added a purl ridge toward the top)

Round 3: (k9, k2tog) around (80 sts)

Round 5: (k8, k2tog) around (72 sts)

Round 7: (k7, k2tog) around (64 sts)

Round 9: (k6, k2tog) around (56 sts)

Round 11: (k5, k2tog) around (48 sts)

Round 13: (k4, k2tog) around (40 sts)

Round 15: (k3, k2tog) around (32 sts)

Round 17: (k2, k2tog) around (24 sts)

Round 19: (k1, k2tog) around (16 sts)

Round 21: (k2tog) around (8 sts)

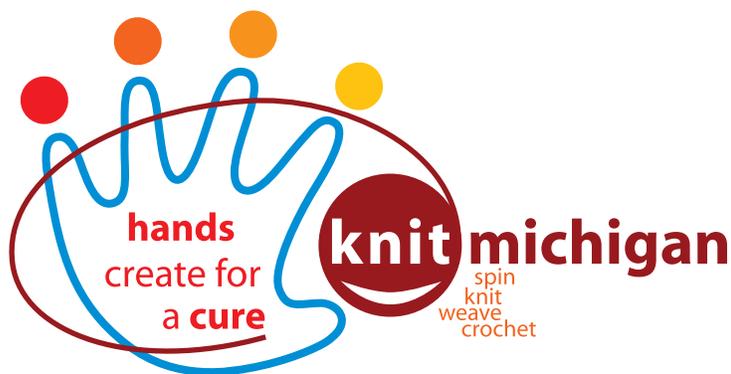
Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches.  
Tuck in yarn tails

\* Four-stitch balanced decrease. This decrease goes from 5 stitches to one. The remaining stitch is the one that originally was in the center of the 5. At the beginning of round 3, when you have knit the 8th stitch, it is the center stitch in the decrease; in the repeats, stitch #10 is the center stitch. After you knit the center stitch, it is on the right needle. Pass the stitch to its right over it. Knit a stitch from the left needle, and pass two stitches back to the left needle. Pass the leftmost of these two over the other one. Move

it back to the right needle and pass the stitch to its right over it. Knit another stitch from the left needle. Pass two stitches back to the left needle and pass the one on the left over the other one. Move this stitch back to the right needle. Decrease completed. For round 5, stitch #6 is the center stitch of the decrease.

NOTE: I used the same size needles for the whole cap, but you could do the puntas in a smaller needle size and then switch to larger needles on round 9.

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