

Materials Needed:

1 skein Lionbrand "Romance" – white
 1 skein worsted weight yarn (#4) – white
 1 skein of bulky weight yarn (#5) – red
 US Size 8 needles - 16" circular & double-points

Sizes:

Toddler (Youth, Adult Medium)

Gauge:

15 sts and 23 rows = 4" (in Stockinette Stitch using bulky weight yarn) **Note:** Gauge is VERY important for this project. Make sure you knit a test swatch.

**Directions:**

Cast on 60 (65, 70) stitches using white worsted weight only.

Place a marker and join, without twisting, to knit in the round.

Holding a strand of worsted weight yarn and a strand of Romance together, knit each round until piece measures 2" (2", 2-1/2") from beginning.

NOTE: the cast-on edge will probably curl ... that's fine! Let it curl because it makes the "fur" yarn look more furry!

Change to red bulky weight yarn and continue knitting each round until piece measures 5" (6", 7") from beginning.

Begin decreases for crown:

1st Dec. Round: *K10 (11, 12) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (5, 5) rounds.

2nd Dec. Round: *K9 (10, 11) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (5, 5) rounds.

3rd Dec. Round: *K8 (9, 10) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

4th Dec. Round: *K7 (8, 9) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

5th Dec. Round: *K6 (7, 8) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

6th Dec. Round: *K5 (6, 7) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

7th Dec. Round: *K4 (5, 6) k2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

8th Dec. Round: *K3 (4, 5) k2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

9th Dec. Round: *K2 (3, 4) k2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

10th Dec. Round: *K1 (2, 3) K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 3 (3, 5) rounds.

Continue Decreases for TODDLER:

Final Decrease Round: *K2tog; repeat from * to end. Knit 4 rounds.

Continue Decreases for YOUTH:

11th Decrease Round: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Knit 3 rounds.

Final Decrease Round: *K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Knit 4 rounds.

Continued Decreases for ADULT:

11th Decrease Round: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * to end.

Knit 5 rounds.

12th Decrease Round: *K1, K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Knit 5 rounds.

Final Decrease round: *K2tog; repeat from * to end.

Knit 4 rounds.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail. Thread tail through remaining stitches and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Attach a tassel or pom-pom.