



## Hot Air Balloon Hat

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### Materials Needed:

**Yarn** - 2 contrasting colors of worsted weight yarn.

Sample uses 220 super wash merino in

Charcoal and light grey

**Needles:** Size US 6 16" and US 8 16" circular and DPN's

**Stitch markers:** 1 for beginning of round and three more for chart end and crown shaping

Darning needle to weave in ends

### Instructions:

With smaller needle cast on 100 stitches using cable cast on - or preferred stretchy cast on

Join in round being careful not to twist stitches. Place beginning of round marker

Start K2, PC ribbing. Continue ribbing for a total of 12 rows.

Switch to larger needle and start chart.

TIP - use stitch markers to not end of chart so you can keep your place.

These stitch markers will also be placed for crown shaping.

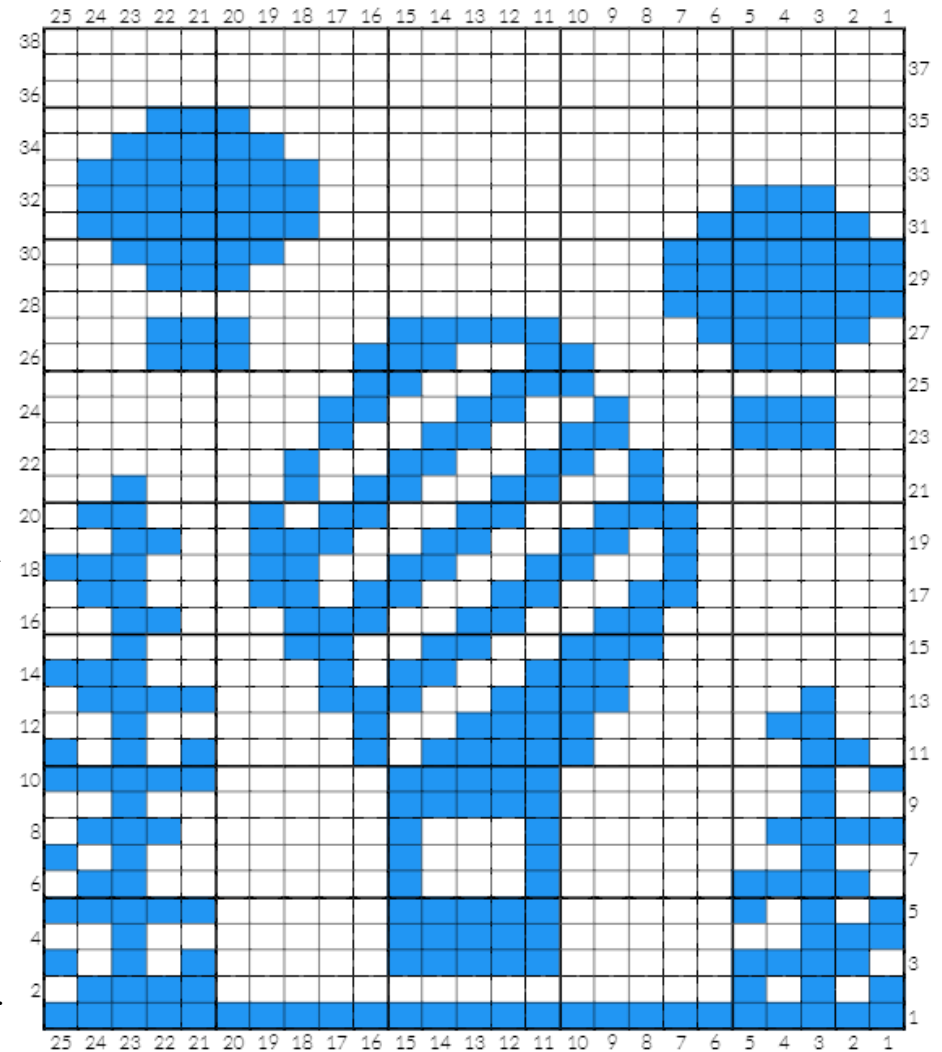
(There are long carries, so please make sure you twist the contrasting color every 5<sup>th</sup> stitch or so)

Once chart is complete start crown shaping.

Row 1 - \*Knit 1, K2Tog, knit to 3 stitches before next marker, SSK, K1\* Repeat \* - \* to end of round

Row 2 - Knit all stitches.

Repeat these two rows until you have 6 stitches between your markers. (Change to DPN's when there are too few stitches on your



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circular needle.) Cut long tail and using a darning needle thread yarn through all stitches, pull to close and weave in all ends.