# Knit Your Own Toque or Slouchie Be Ready for SOAR 2020!

efore SOAR 2017, in Smithers, I had the bright idea to knit a toque for the camp. Like many people who knit, I dug some wool out of my collection of leftovers and created a couple of hats by putting a bunch of different patterns together. So many people at camp asked about my toques that I decided to write out the pattern for SOAR 2020. The pattern is for an intermediate knitter. This is a fairly loose knit, as the camp takes place in the summertime. Here on the West Coast, we often have cool early morning temperatures even when the days are hot. Feel free to choose your own colours and number of stripes. When making a lot of hats (e.g., for a patrol), using stripes lets you get more hats from two balls of yarn. I hope you enjoy the pattern and have a great camp.

# **Abbreviations**

CC contrasting colour

K kni

K2tog knit two stitches together

MC main colour

P purl Sts stitches

\* after the first time, repeat the instruction following the asterisk the number of times specified

### **Materials (for either hat)**

**Yarn:** any medium weight ("4") worsted yarn; 1/2 ball in main colour, 1/2 ball in contrasting colour (Hats in photos were made with Loops and Threads Impeccable acrylic yarn.)

**Needles:** 5 mm 16" (40 cm) circular knitting needle; 5 mm double-pointed needles (optional)

Notion: stitch marker; tapestry needle

Tension: 20 sts = 5 inches; 20 rows = 4

inches



## **TOQUE**

This pattern fits an average adult. To make the toque larger, add 2 rows after the grid pattern (chart) is completed. To make the toque smaller, change to 4.5 mm needles. Do not decrease the number of stitches.

Cast on 76 stitches in MC and join in round. Place stitch marker at beginning of round.

Rows 1–12: \*K1, P1; repeat from \* to end.

Rows 13-16: Knit.

**Rows 17–29:** Join in CC and follow chart for 12 rows, repeating chart twice. It will spell out SOAR – SOAR.

**Variation**: The second chart spells out 2020. You may choose to spell out SOAR – 2020.

Once chart is completed, to knit a larger toque insert 2 knit rows here.

Rows 30-35: Change to MC; Knit.

**Row 36:** \* K6, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 37: Knit.

**Row 38:** \* K5, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 39: Knit.

Knit crown of hat as follows, changing to

double-pointed needles if preferred.

**Row 40:** \*K4, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 41: Knit.

Row 42: \*K3, K2tog; repeat from \* 9

times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 43: Knit.

Row 44: \*K2, K2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 45: Knit.

Row 46: \*K1, K2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 47: Knit.

Row 48: \*K2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 49: Knit.

**Row 50:** \*K2tog; repeat until there are 5 stitches remaining. Break yarn; with tapestry needle, thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and tie off.

Weave ends in, adjusting any loose knots.



### **SLOUCHIE**

This pattern fits a medium to large adult. For a very small head, use a 4.5 mm needle. Do not change the number of stitches.

Cast on 76 stitches in MC and join in round. Place stitch marker at beginning of round.



Rows 1-6: \*K1, P1; repeat from \* to end.

Rows 7-10: Change to CC. \*K1, P1; repeat from \* to end.

Rows 11-16: Change to MC. \*K1, P1; repeat from \* to end.

Rows 17-20: Knit.

Rows 21-32: Join in CC and follow chart for 12 rows, repeating chart twice. It will spell out SOAR - SOAR.

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Rows 33-42: Change to MC. Knit.

Rows 43-47: Change to CC. Knit.

Rows 48-52: Change to MC. Knit.

Rows 53-58: Change to CC. Knit.

Rows 59-61: Change to MC. Knit.

Row 62: \*K6, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 63: Knit.

Row 64: Change to CC. \*K5, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 65: Knit.

Knit crown of hat as follows, changing to double-pointed needles if preferred.

Row 66: \*K4, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 67: Knit.

Row 68: \*K3, K2tog; repeat from \* 9 Weave ends in, adjusting any loose knots.

times—4 sts remaining. K4.

Row 69: Change to MC. Knit.

Row 70: \*K2, K2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 71: Knit.

Row 72: \*K1, K2tog; repeat from \* to end.

Row 73: Knit.

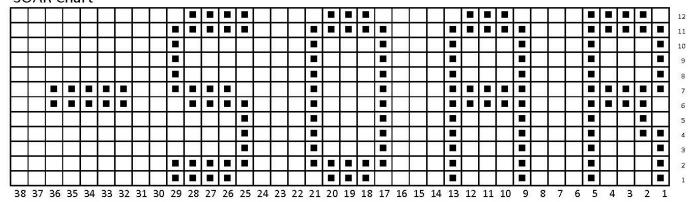
Row 74: Change to CC. \*K2tog; repeat

from \* to end.

Row 75: Knit.

Row 76: \*K2tog; repeat from \* until there are 5 sts remaining. Break yarn; with tapestry needle, thread end through remaining stitches, pull tight and tie off.

# SOAR Chart



## 2020 Chart

