Knitting Needle Size 19 or 15 mm

Yarn Weight (6) Super Bulky/Super Chunky (4-11 stitches for 4 inches)

Materials:

RED HEART® Grande™ (Art 826 available in 5 oz (150 g), 46 yd (42 m) balls): 2 balls 288 Apricot

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 15 mm [US19]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 6½ sts = 4" [10 cm]; 8 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette st. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

Finished Measurements: Head Circumference: 20" [51 cm] (22) [56 cm]   **Finished Length:** 9½" [24 cm]

Abbreviations:

K = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

cm = centimeters

P = purl

P2tog = purl 2 stitches together

mm = millimeters

st(s) = stitch(es)

[ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified

* or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated

SPECIAL STITCHES

K2tog = Knit 2 sts together (decrease).

P2tog = Purl 2 sts together (decrease).

Notes:

1. Directions are for size small/medium, changes for size medium/large are in parentheses.

2. Hat is knit in rows and seamed in back.

Instructions:

HAT

Cast on 31 (35) stitches.

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, *p1, k1* across row.

Row 2 (Wrong Side): P1, *k1, p1* across row.

Rows 3-4: Repeat Rows 1-2.

Row 5: Knit across row increasing 1 (0) st — 32 (35) sts.

Row 6: Purl across row.

For size small/medium only:

Row 7: Knit across row.

Row 8: Purl across row.

Row 9: Knit across row.

Row 10: P2tog, purl across row until last 2 sts, p2tog — 30 sts.

For size medium/large only:

Rows 7-12: Repeat Rows 5-6, 3 times.

For both sizes:

Row 11 (13): *K3, k2tog* across row — 24 (28) sts.

Row 12 (14): *P2, p2tog* across row — 18 (21) sts. 18 (21)sts

Row 13 (15): *K1, k2tog* across row — 12 (14) sts.

Row 14 (16): *P2tog* across row — 6 (7) sts.

Row 15 (17): K0 (1) *k2tog* across row —-3 (4) sts

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a tail 15" [38 cm] long. With yarn needle, draw tail through remaining stitches twice and pull tightly. Using mattress stitch, sew back seam together. Weave in ends. Block lightly. Make 1 - 3" [8 cm] pompom and attach to tip of hat