



## CARON Pop of Neon Hat



INTERMEDIATE

### SIZE

One size to fit average woman's head.

### GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking stitch with larger needles and 1 strand.

### MATERIALS

**Caron® Simply Soft® Heathers™** (5 oz/141.7 g; 250 yds/228 m)

**Main Color (MC)** Charcoal Heather (H9508) **1 ball**

**Caron® Simply Soft®** (6 oz/170.1 g; 315 yds/288 m)

**Contrast A** Neon Yellow (39773) **1 ball**

Sizes U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) and U.S. 8 (5 mm) circular knitting needles 16" [40 cm] long. Set of four size U.S. 8 (5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch marker.

### INSTRUCTIONS

With 2 strands of MC tog and smaller circular needle, cast on 88 sts. Join in rnd, placing marker on first st.

**1st rnd:** Knit.

**2nd rnd:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rnds until work from beg measures 2½" [6 cm], ending on a knit rnd.

**Work Latvian Braid: 1st rnd:** \*With 2 strands of MC, K1. With 2 strands of A, K1. Rep from \* around.

**2nd rnd:** With both MC and A held in front of work, \*With MC, P1. With A, P1. When switching yarns, wrap yarn for next st **under** yarn used for previous st. Rep from \* around.

**3rd rnd:** \*With MC, P1. With A, P1. When switching yarns, wrap yarn for next st **over** yarn used for previous st. Rep from \* around.

Break A and 1 strand of MC.

With rem 1 strand of MC and larger circular knitting needle, knit in rnds until work from beg measures 6" [15 cm].

Shape top, changing to set of 4 double-pointed needles where appropriate:

**1st rnd:** \*K9. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 80 sts.

**2nd and alt rnds:** Knit.

**3rd rnd:** \*K8. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 72 sts.

**5th rnd:** \*K7. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 64 sts.

**7th rnd:** \*K6. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 56 sts.

**9th rnd:** \*K5. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 48 sts.

**11th rnd:** \*K4. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 40 sts.

**13th rnd:** \*K3. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 32 sts.

**15th rnd:** \*K2. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 24 sts.

**17th rnd:** \*K1. K2tog. Rep from \* around. 16 sts.

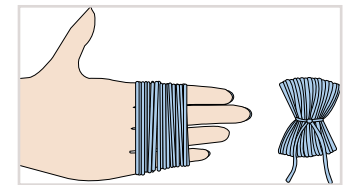
**18th rnd:** \*K2tog. Rep from \* around. 8 sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts and draw up tightly.

Fasten securely.

### Pom-pom

Wrap A around 4 fingers approx 90 times. Remove from fingers and tie tightly in center. Cut through each side of loops. Trim to a smooth round shape. Sew to top of Hat.



### ABBREVIATIONS: [www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations](http://www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations)

**Alt** = Alternate(ing)

**Approx** = Approximate(ly)

**Beg** = Beginning

**K** = Knit

**K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together

**P** = Purl

**Rem** = Remain(ing)

**Rep** = Repeat

**Rnd(s)** = Round(s)

**St(s)** = Stitch(es)