

# Hearts for a Girl and Her Monkey

This simple hat was knit for a 2 ½ year old girl with a large head, and her favorite companion—a bean bag Monkey covered with hearts.



## **Girl Hat (above left):**

Yarn: I used yarns of slightly different weights in order to get the colors I wanted. I think that using yarns of similar weight would probably work a little better.

Main Color (MC): Louet Gems Bulky in red. 1 skein = 103 yards, I used about ½ of a skein.  
Contrast Color (CC): Cascade 220 in light pink, about 10 grams.

Needles: US 9 / 5.5mm needles for ribbing, US 10 / 6.0mm for rest of hat. I used the Magic Loop method, but DPNs would work fine too.

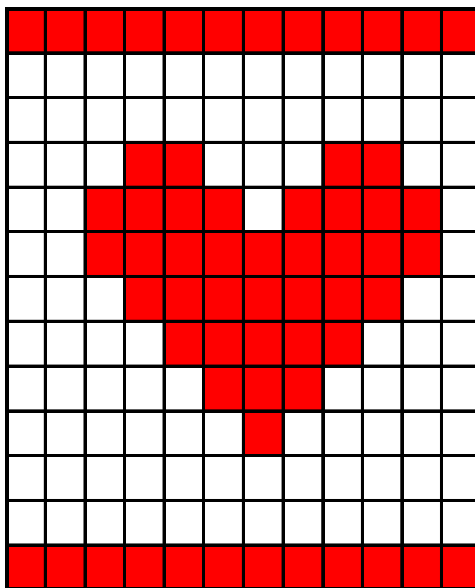
Gauge: 4.0 st / 5 rows per inch.

## **Directions:**

Using Main Color (MC), cast on 72 stitches using long tail cast-on, or any stretchy cast on, and join in a circle.

Rows 1 – 11: Knit 7 rows in K2, P2 rib using MC. Knit 4 rows using MC.

Rows 12 - 24 : Knit 13 rows from chart below. There will be 6 chart repeats per row.



12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Rows 25 – 30: Knit 6 rows in MC

Row 31: K2tog all the way around in MC (36 stitches at end)

Row 32: Knit row in MC

Row 33 – 36: Repeat rows 31 – 32 twice

Row 37: K2tog 4 times, K1. Break yarn, pull through remaining 4 stitches, and weave in end.

**Monkey Hat (above right):**

Yarn: Cascade 220, small amounts of pink (MC) and red (CC)

Needles: US 6 / 4 mm

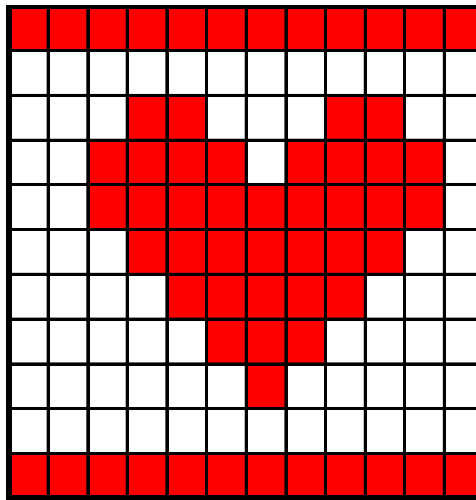
Gauge: 6 st and 8 rows / inch. Exact gauge not critical, since Monkey's head is full of stuffing.

**Directions:**

Using Main Color (MC), cast on 48 stitches using long tail cast-on, or any stretchy cast on, and join in a circle

Rows 1 – 6: Knit 5 rows in K2, P2 rib using MC. Knit 1 row using MC.

Rows 7 – 17: Knit 11 rows from chart. There will be 4 chart repeats per row.



12 11 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Rows 18 – 21: Knit using MC.

Row 22: K2tog all the way around using MC

Row 23: Knit using MC

Repeat Rows 22 and 23 two more times. Break yarn, pull tail through remaining 6 stitches. Top with a pompom, if you like.