

## Heartstrings

Kitty Beder for Knots of Love

### Bucket Version

Cast on 88 stitches size 7 (can use 8). Do not join. Knit in garter stitch until brim measures desired width (1-1/2 to 2).

Place marker and join for knitting in the round. Knit 4 rows.

To place the heartstring:

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: Bring MC (main color of cap) to front as if to purl.

Join CC (contrasting color) and purl 1 stitch in contrasting color. Bring MC over the CC, purl second stitch in MC.

Continue purling, bringing each yarn over the other, alternating colors.

This will cause your yarn to twist, so allow for plenty of tension.

When you work Round 3 the yarn will automatically untwist.

Round 3: Beginning with CC, purl, continuing to alternate colors as in round 2, only bring each yarn under the previous yarn. Remember you are working in the front.

Round 4: Knit in MC (you are now done with CC - unless you want to make multiple heartstrings)

Continue knitting until cap measures desired length.

Decrease changing to doublepoints when needed:

Round 1: knit 9, knit 2tog

Rounds 2-4-6-8-10-12: knit

Round 3: knit 8, knit 2tog

Round 5: knit 7, knit 2tog

Round 7: knit 6, knit 2tog

Round 9: knit 5, knit 2tog

Round 11: knit 4, knit 2tog

Round 13: knit 3, knit 2tog

Round 14: knit 2, knit 2tog

Round 15: knit 1, knit 2tog

Round 16: knit 2tog

Cut tail, weave through remaining stitches. Pull tight and secure on inside of cap.

Weave ends. Seam brim.

Variation:

Cast on 88 stitches. Place marker and join. Knit rollbrim for 2-3 inches.

Insert heartstring. Knit 1-1/2 inches, insert another heartstring. Can repeat for a third.

Finish cap.

For a different look to the embellishment: knit the round before and the round after the heartstring in the contrasting color.

