Angry Bird Hat

This hat is based on the generic flat rounded hat found at **http://kodymayknits.blogspot.com** .

Worsted weight wool or acrylic in red (about 2/3 of a 100 gram skein), yellow, white and black.
Size 7 and size 8 needles
Blunt needle

Hat

With size 7 needles, cast on 80 (88) st in red.

Purl 2 rows.

Change to size 8 needles.

K18 (22), work 1st row of chart, k18 (22).

Continue with chart in stockinette st. (When I got to the eyes, I used bobbins of the red on both sides until I reached the top of the eyes. I also used a bobbin of the black for the eyebrows.)

After the last row on the chart, continue in stockinette st until the hat measures 6 ½ inches, ending with a purl row. Then start the decreases:

K8 (K9), K2tog repeat from * to * across.
P7 (P8), P2tog repeat from * to * across.
K6 (K7), K2tog repeat from * to * across.
P5 (P6), P2tog repeat from * to * across.
K4 (K5), K2tog repeat from * to * across.
P3 (P4), P2tog repeat from * to * across.
K2 (K3), K2tog repeat from * to * across.

P1 (K2), P2tog repeat from * to * across.
*K2tog across (*K1, K2tog* repeat from * to * across.)
For larger size only (P2tog across)

Leave a long enough strand to thread through remaining stitches, secure, and sew down the back seam. (I found it easier to sew the back seam AFTER I put on the beak.)

Beak

Using size 7 needles, cast on 34 stitches.

K1 row, placing markers after 10th and 24th st.
P1 row.
K8, k2tog, k12, k2tog, k8, k2tog.
P7, p2tog, p11, p2tog, p7, p2 tog.
K6, k2tog, k10, k2tog, k6, k2tog.
P5, p2tog, p9, p2tog, p5, p2tog.
K4, k2tog, k8, k2tog, k4, k2tog.
P3, p2tog, p7, p2tog, p3, p2tog.
K2, k2tog, k6, k2tog, k2, k2tog.
P1, p2tog, p5, p2tog, p1, p2tog.
K2tog, k4, k2tog, k2tog.
P2tog, p1, p2tog, p2tog.
K2tog, k2tog.

Leave a 16 inch strand to draw through last st, secure, sew the seam, and sew the beak to the bird.

Place the beak so the seam is at the bottom. Pin so the top of the beak comes just below the eyes and the bottom of the beak overlaps the top of the white "bib." Line up the outer edges of the beak so it is even at each side. Stuff lightly with fiberfill. Sew in place.

Eyes

Use the picture to place the eyes. Use French or Colonial knots made of black yarn.   (After I made the eyes I evened them out by using black sewing thread to tack them down and make them rounder.)

Top Knots

Large top knot:

With size 8 needles, cast on 12 st in red.
Work 10 rows in stockinette.
Row 11: inc 1 st in first st, k10, inc 1 st in last st.
Row 12: inc 1 st in first st, p12, inc 1 st in last st.

Bind off knitwise, leaving a 12 inch strand. Fold the top knot in half lengthwise and stitch with yarn at the top and the side. Stuff lightly with fiberfill.

Small top knot:

With size 8 needles, cast on 8 st in red.
Work 6 rows in stockinette.
Row 7: inc 1 st in first st, k6, inc 1 st in last st.
Row 8: inc 1 st in first st, p8, inc 1 st in last st.
Bind off knitwise, leaving a 12 inch strand. Fold the top knot in half lengthwise and stitch with yarn at the top and the side. Stuff lightly with fiberfill.

Weave in all the loose ends of yarn on the inside of the hat (easier if you do it now).
Sew the back seam of the hat using the mattress stitch.
Place the top knots, one at a time, on the top of the hat, pin, and sew in place.

Tail: (Make 2)

With size 7 needles, cast on 12 st in black

Stockinette st for 10 rows.
Row 11: k4, put the remaining 8 st on a holder.
Row 12: P
Row 13: K
Row 14: P
Row 15: inc 1 st in first st, k1, k2tog.
Bind off purlwise.

Pick up the 2nd set of 4 st.
Stockinette for 4 rows.
Bind off knitwise.

Pick up the last 4 st.
Stockinette for 4 rows.
Next row: k2tog , k1, inc 1 st in last st.
Bind off purlwise. On the 2nd tail piece you knit, leave a 20 inch strand.

Sew the 2 parts of the tail together with the strand from the second tail piece, pushing any loose ends of yarn to the inside of the tail as you go. Pin the tail along the back seam of the hat. Stuff lightly with fiberfill. Sew half the length of the tail on one side of the hat's back seam and half on the other to give the tail more dimension.

Tuck in any loose yarn bits and enjoy it yourself, or give it to the person who hooked you on playing Angry Birds in the first place!

Chart for the Angry Bird Hat

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Black

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White

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