

Angry Bird Hat

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

Worsted weight yarn in black (about 2/3 of a 100 gram skein), some yellow, gray and orange.
Size 7 and size 8 needles
Blunt needle

Hat

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

Purl 2 rows.

Change to size 8 needles.

K24 (28), work 1st row of chart, k24 (28).

Continue with chart in stockinette st. I used 3 bobbins for each eye (for the gray, white, and orange) and carried the black across.

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 and top knot and tucked in the loose ends.)

Beak

Using size 8 needles, cast on 34 stitches in yellow.

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 as follows. 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 comes just above the gray "bib." Line up the outer edges of the beak so it is even on 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 Knot

With size 8 needles, cast on 18 st in black.

Work 3 inches in stockinette ending with a purl row.

Next row: Change to yellow yarn. K1, inc 1 st in next st, k to last 2 st, inc 1 st in next st, k1.

Next row: Purl

Repeat these 2 rows 3 times, ending with purl row.

Bind off knitwise, leaving a 12 inch strand. Fold the top knot in half lengthwise and stitch with yarn across the top and down the side. Stuff lightly with fiberfill. To sew to the top of the hat, I stitched the back seam of the hat down about an inch, and then attached the top knot.

Weave in all the loose ends of yarn left on the face (easier if you do it before you sew the rest of the way down the back seam). I wove in the ends, and then used a **tiny bit** of Fabric Tac glue on the end of a straight pin to ensure that the ends didn't come loose. (Beware! Fabric Tac is an aggressive glue, so it will adhere instantly.)

Sew the back seam of the hat using the mattress stitch.

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!

Black Angry Bird Chart
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