



Colorado Rockies version is knit in Reynolds Saucy #800 white, #637 purple, and #899 black.

**B**aseball has been declared America's pastime, and the baseball cap is by far the most popular accessory in American culture. You can find baseball caps atop almost any sports team in America, and they come in every color combination imaginable. No sports team? No problem. Pick pink for girls, blue for boys, red for everyone, camouflage for hunters—you get the idea.

# Baseball Cap

This hat is worked from crown to top. The crown facing is worked in the round, then stitches are worked back and forth in rows, using the intarsia technique for the color work. The crown is sewn together along the center back. The brim and its facing are knitted separately, sewn together, then sewn to the lower edge of the crown.

**FINISHED SIZE:** About 23" (58.5 cm) circumference and 6" (15 cm) tall.

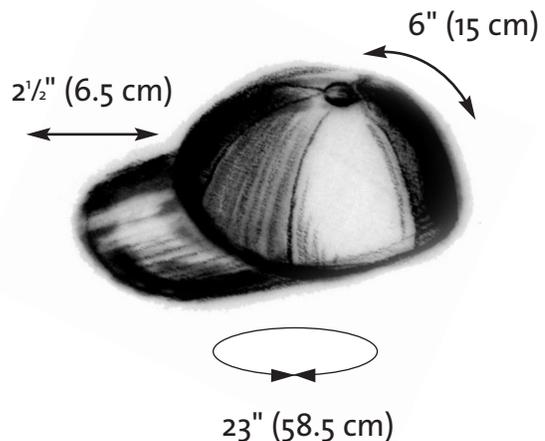
**YARN:** About 185 yd (169 m) each of three colors of light worsted-weight (Light #3) yarn.

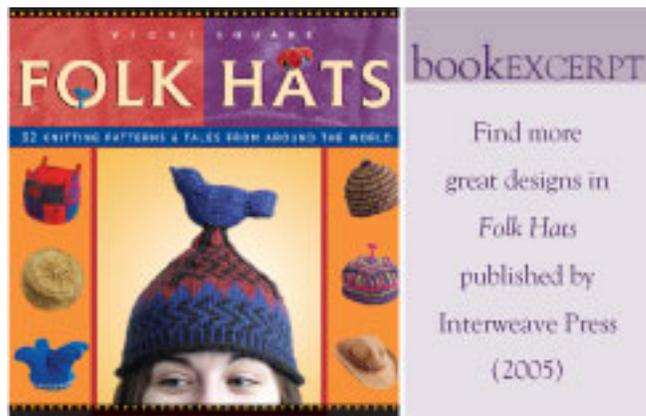
**WE USED:** Reynolds Saucy (100% mercerized cotton; 185 yd [169 m]/100 g): #800 white, #361 red, and #251 blue, 185 yd (169 m) each.

**NEEDLES:** Size 6 (4 mm): 16" (40-cm) circular (cir). Size 5 (3.75 mm): 16" (40-cm) cir. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**NOTIONS:** Marker (m); tapestry needle; ¾ yd (68.5 cm) of 1" (2.5-cm) -wide non-roll elastic; sharp-point sewing needle and white sewing thread; long, straight pins with colored heads; ¼ yd (23 cm) vinyl-faced foam about 1/8" (3 mm) thick for brim (available at fabric stores); 5/8" (1.5 cm) smooth, rounded-face shank button for top of crown; crochet hook F (3.75 mm).

**GAUGE:** 20 sts and 26 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st on larger needle.





## Crown Facing

With white and larger needle, CO 118 sts, leaving a 24" (61-cm) tail for hemming later. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Rnd begins at center back. Work St st (knit every rnd) until piece measures 1¼" (3.2 cm) from CO edge. Change to red and smaller cir needle. Knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd (turning ridge). Change to larger cir needle.

## Crown

*Foundation rnd:* (RS) With red, k1 (selvedge st), \*k20 red, k18 white, k20 blue; rep from \* once, end k1 blue.

Turn work to WS and begin knitting back and forth in rows as foll:

*Foundation row:* (WS) Keeping colors as established throughout remainder of crown and crossing yarns at color changes to prevent holes, k1 (center back), \*p1, k1, purl to last 2 sts of color, k1, p1; rep from \* for each color, end k1 in last color.

*Row 1:* (RS) With red, p1, \*sl 1, p1, k16, p1, sl 1; with white, sl 1, p1, k14, p1, sl 1; with blue, sl 1, p1, k16, p1, sl 1; beg with red, rep from \* once, end p1 blue. Turn work.

*Row 2:* (WS) Rep Foundation row.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 2½" (6.5 cm) from turning ridge, ending with a WS row. Dec for top as foll:

*Dec row 1:* (RS) Matching colors as established, p1 (center back), \*sl 1, p1, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before next purl st, ssk, p1, sl 1; rep from \* for each color, end p1 blue—12 sts dec'd; 106 sts rem.

*Rows 2 and 4:* (WS) Work sts as they appear: knit the knit sts; purl the purl sts; purl the slipped sts.

*Row 3:* (RS) P1 (center back), \*sl 1, p1, knit to next purl st, p1, sl 1; rep from \* for each color, end p1 blue.

Rep Rows 1–4 two more times—82 sts rem.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 (dec every other row) a total of 3 times—46 sts rem; 6 sts in each white section; 8 sts in each red and blue section, plus 1 selvedge st at each end of row.

*Next row:* (RS) With red, p1 (center back), \*sl 1, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, sl 1; with white, sl 1, k2tog, ssk, sl 1; with blue, sl 1, p1, k2tog, ssk, p1, sl 1; rep from \* for each color, end p1 blue—34 sts rem.

*Next row:* (WS) Work sts as they appear: knit the knit sts; purl the purl sts; purl the slipped sts.

*Next row:* (RS) With red, p1, \*[ssk] 2 times, k2tog; with white, ssk, k2tog; with blue, [ssk] 2 times, k2tog; rep from \* for each color, end p1 blue—18 sts rem.

Cut yarn. Thread blue tail on a tapestry needle, draw through rem sts, and pull tight to secure.

## Brim (make 2; 1 each in blue and white)

**LEFT BRIM POINT:** With blue, CO 3 sts.

*Row 1:* (WS) Purl.

*Row 2:* K1f&b, knit to end—4 sts.

*Row 3:* Purl.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 two more times—6 sts. Next row: (RS)

Using the cable method, CO 2 sts, knit to end—8 sts.

Purl 1 row. Use the cable method to CO 3 sts at beg of next row, knit to end—11 sts. Purl 1 row. Use cable method to CO 4 sts at beg of next row, knit to end—15

sts. Purl 1 row. Use cable method to CO 5 sts, but do not knit the sts in this row. Instead, place all 20 sts on holder, and cut yarn leaving a 6" (15-cm) tail to weave in later.

**RIGHT BRIM POINT:** With blue, CO 3 sts.

*Row 1:* (WS) Purl.

*Row 2:* Knit to last st, k1f&b—4 sts.

*Row 3:* Purl.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 two more times—6 sts. Knit 1 row.

*Next row:* (WS) Use the cable method to CO 2 sts, purl to end of row—8 sts. Knit 1 row. Use the cable method to CO 3 sts at beg of next row, purl to end of row—11 sts. Knit 1 row. Use the cable method to CO 4 sts at beg of next row, purl to end of row—15 sts.

**JOIN RIGHT AND LEFT BRIM POINTS:** With RS facing, k15 sts of right brim point, beg at the edge with the 6" (15-cm) yarn tail attached, k20 held left brim point sts—35 sts total. Beg with WS row, work even in St st until piece measures 2¼" (5.5 cm) from last CO row, ending with a WS row. With RS facing and using the sloped method (see Glossary, page 129), BO as foll: BO 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then BO 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows—17 sts rem. BO all sts. With white, work another brim for facing.

## Finishing

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, RS facing, and using invisible weaving for reverse stockinette stitch, sew center back seam.

**BLOCKING:** With crown turned WS out, wad up a hand towel for roundness and place inside crown. Lightly steam-block to set sts. Steam-block brim and brim facing flat. Let dry.

**ELASTIC BAND:** Cut elastic to 1" (2.5 cm) longer than head circumference. Form into a ring, overlapping 1" (2.5 cm), and with sewing needle and thread, sew ends tog securely. Place elastic ring inside cap with lower edge of elastic aligned with WS of turning ridge. Fold facing toward WS of cap to enclose elastic. Pin facing in place at color "seams." Thread tapestry needle with long tail left from CO, sew facing to WS of cap, being careful not to pull seaming yarn too tight and cause puckers.

**BRIM:** With WS together, pin brim pieces together around outside edges, leaving inner curved edge open so foam stiffening can be inserted later. With blue, crochet hook,

RS facing, and beg at right brim point, work 1 row of single crochet around outside curved brim edge. Do not cut yarn. Make a photocopy of brim schematic below and enlarge it so that each square = 1" (2.5 cm) for brim template. Cut vinyl-faced foam to match template. Roll foam, with vinyl facing to outside, lightly around a bottle or a can to encourage curved shape. Slip the foam brim with vinyl toward top into knitted brim from the open edge of the inside curve. Pin these edges together, and work sc around inner curve of brim working 2 sc in each point, completely enclosing the foam brim. With RS tog (this will be blue brim top and cap center front colors red and blue), pin brim to crown, matching center of brim to center front of cap. With blue, use a whipstitch to join brim to turning ridge of crown, using every st on turning ridge, and easing sts on inner curve of brim. Lightly steam-block seam from inside of cap to set sts. Sew button onto top of crown.

