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### **Heart on a String**

An original pattern by Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

**Sizes:** baby (child, adult)

Finished hat circumference to fit head sizes: 16-18 (18-20, 20-22) inches

**Note:** The hat is stretchy and is designed to fit snugly on the head.

**Yarn:** Sample worked in Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 100 grams/160 yards), 1 (1, 2) skein(s) in Ice Cream #7500 and 1 skein in Watermelon #7512

\*Note that the yarn is held double for the hat.

**Needles:** US size 11 sixteen inch circular and a set of 4 double-pointed needles for the hat OR size to obtain gauge **and** US size 6 set of 2 double-pointed needles for the heart

**Gauge:** 3 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch with the Sweater yarn worked with 2 strands together

**Tools:**

Ruler or tape measure  
Scissors  
Yarn needle  
Stitch marker  
Stitch holder

**Abbreviations:**

k knit  
p purl  
k2tog knit two stitches together  
ssk slip 2 stitches separately as if to knit then knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loop  
kfb knit in the front and back of the same stitch  
m1 make one stitch by lifting the bar in between the right and left needle onto the left needle and knit through the back loop  
rnd(s) round(s)  
stitch(es) stitch(es)



**Hat:**

With 2 strands of Ice Cream held together cast on 48 (54, 60) stitches. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch.

**Rnds 1-4:** (k1, p1) repeat to the end of the round

Begin knitting every round until the hat measures 5 (6, 7) inches from the cast on edge.

**Decrease Rounds:**

Work onto double-pointed needles when needed.

**Rnd 1:** (k4, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

**Rnd 2:** knit

**Rnd 3:** (k3, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

**Rnd 4:** knit

**Rnd 5:** (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

**Rnd 6:** knit

**Rnd 7:** (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

**Rnd 8:** (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round

Cut the yarn and place the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches and pull up tight to close the hole. Pull the end to the inside of the hat and weave in the end and trim. Weave in the end from the cast on stitches to the inside of the hat and trim.



**Heart on a String:**

With Watermelon and set of 2 double-pointed needles, cast on 2 stitches. Work in I-cord for 8 (9, 10) inches. Continue working back and forth on 2 double-pointed needles for the heart.

**Row 1:** knit

Purl every even row.

**Row 3:** kfb in each stitch (4 sts)

**Row 5:** k1, m1, k2, m1, k1 (6 sts)

**Row 7:** k1, m1, k4, m1, k1 (8 sts)

**Row 9:** k1, m1, k6, m1, k1 (10 sts)

**Row 11:** k5, place the other 5 stitches on a stitch holder

**Row 13:** ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts remain)

**Row 14:** purl

Bind off the 3 remaining stitches. Cut the yarn and pull the end through the remaining stitch.

Reattach the yarn at the center of the heart. Place the 5 stitches back on the needle.

**Row 1:** knit

**Row 2:** purl

**Row 3:** ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts remain)

**Row 4:** purl

Bind off the 3 remaining stitches. Cut the yarn leaving an 8-inch end. Pull the end through the remaining stitch. With the end at the center of the heart placed on a yarn needle, take a stitch or two to close up the gap a little at the center. Weave in any ends on the purl side of the heart.

Place the 8-inch end on a yarn needle. Place the heart on the hat using the photo as a guide. At this time plan out where the I-cord is going to wind down the hat to the cast on edge. Now, whipstitch the heart to the hat. Pull the end to the inside and trim.

After the heart is stitched down, place the tail end from the cast on stitches of the I-cord on a yarn needle. Pull the I-cord through several stitches on the hat and be sure to leave about 1 ½ inches hanging over the edge. Pull the I-cord through one of the cast on stitches and tie an over-hand knot. Tack the end down to the edge of the hat. Pull the end to the inside of the I-cord and trim.

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