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There is nothing more exciting than the anticipation of autumn. Feeling the first hints of crispness in the air, watching the leaves turn crimson and gold, and tasting the warm flavor of a pumpkin spice latte are some of my favorite small joys each year. But of course, fall wouldn't be complete without sunflowers! I designed this simple, slouchy colorwork beanie several years ago to commemorate the upcoming arrival of everyone's favorite season, and I'm just now getting around to sharing the pattern. Better late than never, I suppose. :)

The yarn I used for this pattern is [Stitch Please Chunky by Premier Yarns](#). I've tried so many wool yarns over the years, and they're often scratchy and uncomfortable to wear. Not this one! It's 100% wool, yet it feels soft and luxurious to the touch, and it comes in so many beautiful colors to choose from! The best part is that it's extremely affordable to fit any budget. Give it a try, you'll love it!

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Materials

- Approximately 95 yards (87 m) of C1, 25 yards (23 m) of C2, and 12 yards (11 m) of C3 in a bulky weight (5) yarn. I used [Stitch Please Chunky by Premier Yarns](#) in “Rust in the Wind” for C1, “Salted Caramel” for C2, and “Espresso Yourself” for C3. One thing to note is Stitch Please Chunky is on the lighter side of bulky weight, so you will want to make a gauge swatch to ensure your beanie will fit.
- US size 10 (6mm) 16” circular knitting needles
- US size 10 (6mm) double-pointed needles (optional)
- Faux fur pom pom (optional) – I get mine from BrennaAnnHandmade on Etsy!
- Common notions, such as stitch markers, measuring tape, yarn needle, and scissors

Measurements

S/M: Approximately 9" tall and 20" around. Due to the colorwork floats on the inside of this beanie, it's not very stretchy, so make sure to measure your head and make the appropriate size. As a guide, I have a 22" head circumference and wear Size S/M, which fits snugly around the colorwork portion and slouches at the top.

L/XL: Approximately 9" tall and 22.5" around.

Gauge

18 sts x 21 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations

St(s)	stitch(es)
C1 (2,3)	color 1 (2,3)
K	knit
P	purl
K2tog	knit the next 2 stitches together as 1 stitch

Notes

~ Please note that the difference between the sizes is the number of C1 stitches between each sunflower. The S/M size has 1 stitch between them and the L/XL size has 3. You will see the L/XL size notated at the end of the instructions for each round in parentheses as follows: S/M (L/XL). For example: "In C1, K9 (K11)."

~ When you are working the colorwork section of this beanie, make sure to leave long enough floats so that the design doesn't pucker and to ensure that your beanie will fit.

~ In the written instructions, I have indicated which color to use by coloring the text. You will see **C1 in red**, **C2 in gold**, and **C3 in brown**.



Written Instructions (see page 4 for colorwork chart)

In C1, cast on 90 (100) sts. Taking care not to twist the stitches, join to work in round and place a stitch marker to show beginning of round. Your stitch count will remain the same until the decrease section.

To make the brim, (K1, P1) around for 6 rounds.

In C1, K around for 3 rounds to set up for the pattern.

Round 1: *K8, K1, K9 (K11). Repeat from * around.

Round 2: *K7, K3, K8 (K10). Repeat from * around.

Round 3: *K1, K3, K2, K5, K2, K3, K2 (K4). Repeat from * around.

Round 4: *K2, K3, K1, K5, K1, K3, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around.

Round 5: *K2, K4, K1, K3, K1, K4, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around.

Round 6: *K2, K5, K3, K5, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around.

Round 7: *K3, K2, K1, K5, K1, K2, K4 (K6). Repeat from * around.

Round 8: *K1, K4, K7, K4, K2 (K4). Repeat from * around.

Round 9: *K5, K7, K5, K1 (K3). Repeat from * around.

Round 10: *K1, K4, K7, K4, K2 (K4). Repeat from * around.

Round 11: *K3, K2, K1, K5, K1, K2, K4 (K6). Repeat from * around.

Round 12: *K2, K5, K3, K5, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around.

Round 13: *K2, K4, K1, K3, K1, K4, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around. Cut C3, leaving a 6" tail.

Round 14: *K2, K3, K1, K5, K1, K3, K3 (K5). Repeat from * around.

Round 15: *K1, K3, K2, K5, K2, K3, K2 (K4). Repeat from * around.

Round 16: *K7, K3, K8 (K10). Repeat from * around.

Round 17: *K8, K1, K9 (K11). Repeat from * around. Cut C2, leaving a 6" tail.

In C1, K around for 15 rounds if you want a slouchy fit as seen in the pictures, or 10 rounds for a more fitted look. You will only be working in C1 for the remainder of the pattern.

Time to decrease!

Note: You may want to switch to dpns or magic loop at this point.

Round 1: K2tog, K8. Repeat around. (81, 90 sts)

Round 2: K2tog, K7. Repeat around. (72, 80 sts)

Round 3: K2tog, K6. Repeat around. (63, 70 sts)

Round 4: K2tog, K5. Repeat around. (54, 60 sts)

Round 5: K2tog, K4. Repeat around. (45, 50 sts)

Round 6: K2tog, K3. Repeat around. (36, 40 sts)

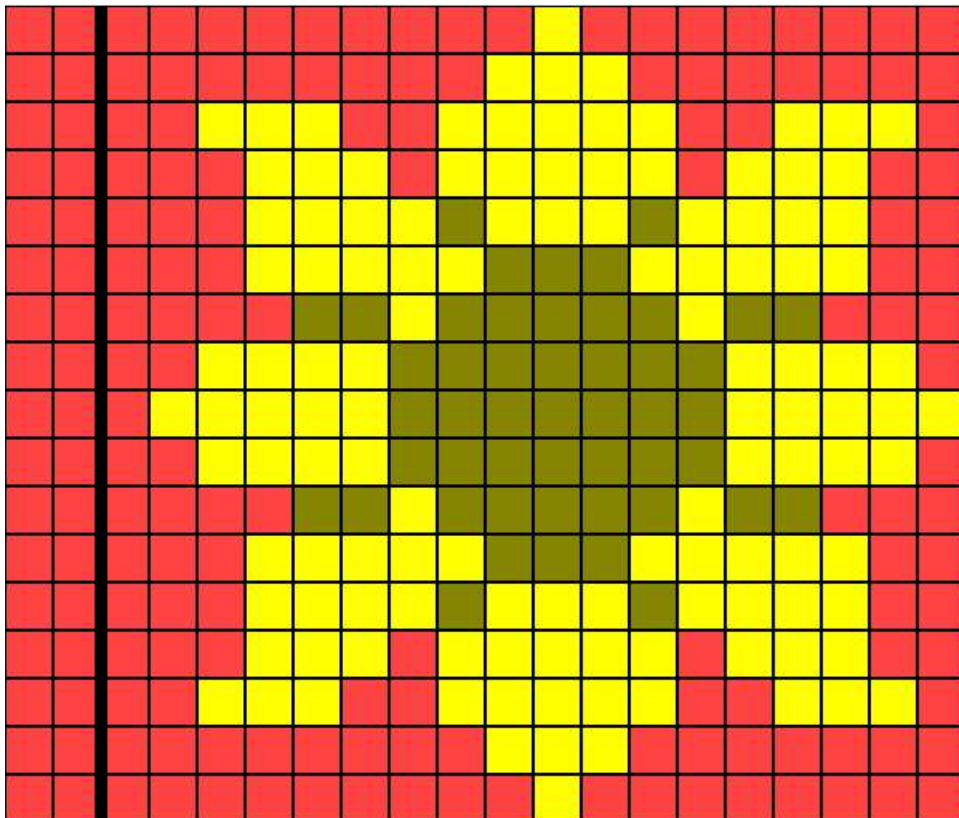
Round 7: K2tog, K2. Repeat around. (27, 30 sts)

Round 8: K2tog, K1. Repeat around. (18, 20 sts)

Finishing off

Cut yarn, and thread a yarn needle with the end. Run the yarn end through each of the sts and pull tightly closed (like a drawstring). Tie off to secure, and weave in all ends. Now you're all ready to top off your new Sunflower Beanie with a lush pom pom and wear it everywhere!

Colorwork Chart





Congratulations!

You've now completed your very own Sunflower Beanie! I hope you enjoyed this fun knitting pattern; be sure to sign up for our email newsletter so you don't miss the next one! :) Also, I'd love to see your work! Tag me in your photos on Instagram using @thechesapeakenneedle, #thechesapeakenneedle, and #SunflowerBeanie so that I can find you easily! I just might share your photos on my page. :) If you had fun using this pattern, please consider sharing the link with a friend who might like to make it too! You can also find me on Pinterest (thechesapeakenneedle), Ravelry (Lindseyfaciane), and Instagram (@thechesapeakenneedle). See you there!