



Deck the Halls 2014[©]

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In 2012, I published the first version of my *Deck the Halls* hat. Now, I have expanded the pattern to include child, teen and adult sizes as well as variations on the style. Now *Deck the Halls* is more than a hat. It can be a tam and a stocking cap, too. I also freshened up the look leaving you, the knitter, the option to choose your own colors. Stick with the original, classic holiday colors or change it up with a lovely blue to make it wearable all winter long.

Size: Adult and Teen 21"- 23" head circumference
Child 18"—20" head circumference

Materials: 1 ball each of KnitPicks Palette: *Oyster Heather, Serrano, Ivy* and *Spearmint*, or *Cyan* in place of *Spearmint**
One 16" #3 circular needle, four #3 DPNs (or size needed to obtain gauge)
Stitch marker
Tapestry needle

* **Or any colors and any fingering-weight wool of your choice**

Gauge: 32 stitches and 30 rounds = 4" using #3 needles.

Abbreviations: K2TOG = Knit two stitches together.

SSK = Slip one stitch, then slip the next. Insert left needle into the front loops of the slipped stitches and knit them together from this position.

HAT: If desired, substitute blue for the red behind the snowflake motif as shown in cover photos.

Instructions for adult/teen hat: With circular needle, CO 136 sts using *your choice*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit six rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) using *dark green* for knit sts and *white* for purl sts (**or use any two of the hat colors of your choice**)

Increase round (round 1 of CHART B): Using *dark green*, inc evenly to 168 sts: k4, (knit 4 make 1 around to last 4 sts), k4.

Follow CHART B (7 repeats per round) for 67 rounds, decreasing as indicated and switching to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec at beginning of dec round and ssk for second each time at the end of each dec round.) After round 67, with 14 sts on the needles, k2tog around. 7 sts remain. Knit last seven sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block to fit.

Instructions for child's hat: With circular needle, CO 120 sts using *your choice*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit six rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) using *dark green* for knit sts and *white* for purl sts. (or use any two of the hat colors of your choice)

Increase round (round 1 of CHART B): Using *dark green*, inc to 144 sts (inc every 5th st evenly).

Beginning with round 12 of CHART B, follow CHART B (6 repeats per round) through round 67, decreasing as indicated and switching to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec at beginning of dec round and ssk for second each time at the end of each dec round.) After round 65, with 12 sts on the needles, k2tog around. 6 sts remain. Knit last six sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block to fit.

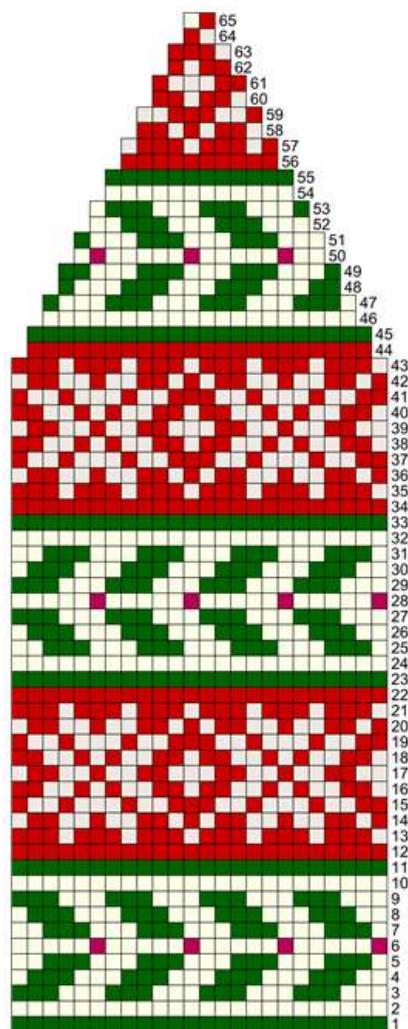
CHART A

Use *your choice of color* for knit and purl sts.

— in stitch means to purl that stitch

4	3	2	1	
—	—			6
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CHART B



TAM:

Instructions for adult/teen tam: With circular needle, CO 144 sts using *Oyster Heather, White or Cream*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit 13 rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) Use colors as indicated in chart (or use any two of the hat colors of your choice)

Increase round (round 1 of CHART B): Using *dark green*, inc evenly to 192 sts: knit around, making 1 st every 3rd st, inc 48 sts from 144 to 192 sts.

Follow CHART B (8 repeats per round) for 33 rounds. On round 34, you will need to inc 6 sts around so that you will be working on 198 sts for the dec. portion of the tam. Your dec portion will work six 33-st dec panels. Decrease as indicated and switch to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec at beginning of dec round and ssk for second each time at the end of each dec round.) After round 65, with 12 sts on the needles, k2tog around. 6 sts remain. Knit last six sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block over a dinner plate to obtain tam shape.

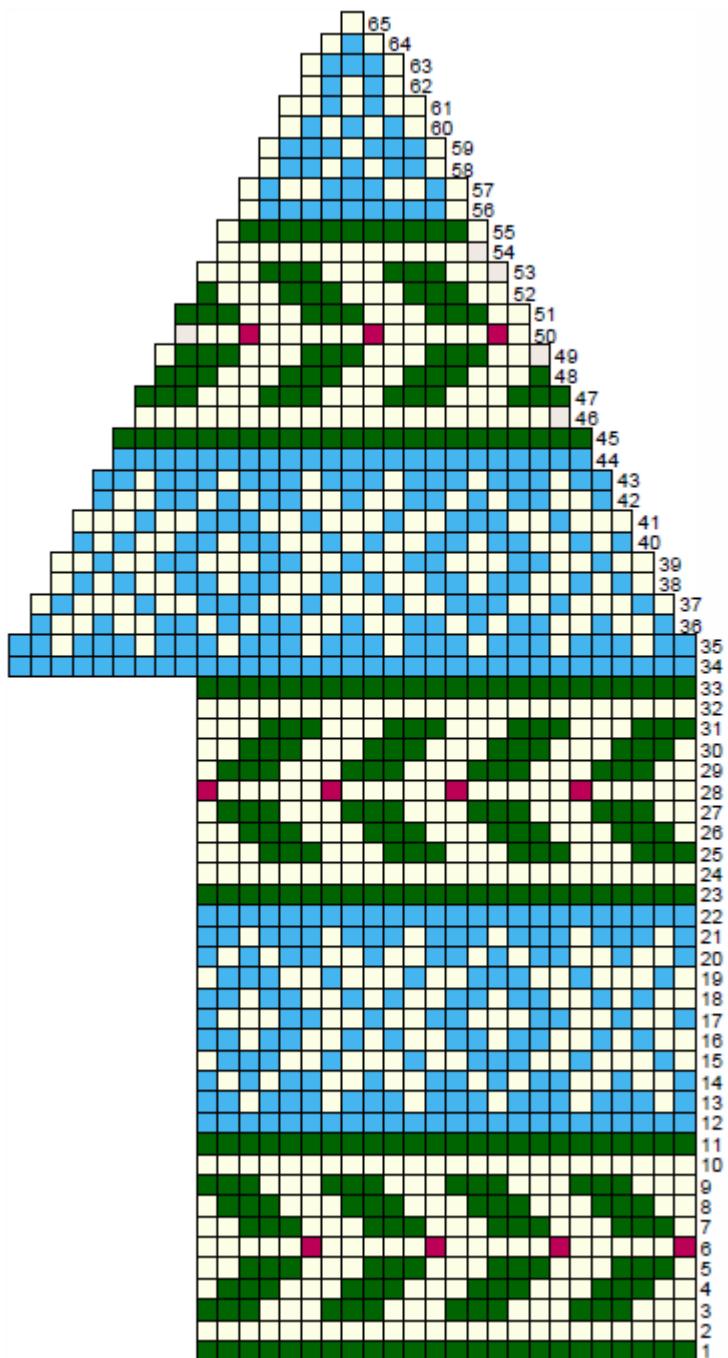
CHART A The chart represents the colors as I used them in the cover tam. You can use your colors in any order you choose.

— in stitch means to purl that stitch

4	3	2	1	
—	—			13
—	—			12
—	—			11
—	—			10
—	—			9
—	—			8
—	—			7
—	—			6
—	—			5
—	—			4
—	—			3
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—	—			1

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STOCKING CAP:

Instructions for teen and adult stocking cap: With circular needle, CO 136 sts using *color of your choice*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit six or eight rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) using *your choice of colors for knit and purl sts.*

Increase round: (Round 1 of CHART B) Using *dark green*, inc evenly to 168 sts (knit 4 sts, knit 4 make 1 around until last 4 sts, knit last 4 sts.)

Follow CHART B Knit 7 repeats per round for 120 rounds, decreasing as indicated and switching to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec, and ssk for second each time.) After round 120, with 14 sts. on the needles, k2tog around. 7 sts remain. Knit last seven sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside. **OR** add tassel, if desired.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block to fit, stretching top to a point.

Instructions for child stocking cap: With circular needle, CO 136 sts using *color of your choice*. Join to work in round, placing stitch marker and being careful not to twist stitches. Knit six or eight rounds corrugated rib (see CHART A) using *your choice of colors for knit and purl sts.*

Increase round: (Round 1 of CHART B) Using *dark green*, inc 8 sts evenly around for a total of 144 sts.

Follow CHART B Knit 6 repeats per round for 120 rounds, decreasing as indicated and switching to DPNs when necessary. (Each dec round has 2 decreases next to each other; k2tog for first dec, and ssk for second each time.) After round 120, with 12 sts. on the needles, k2tog around. 6 sts remain. Knit last six sts for 5 rounds; cut yarn leaving a tail several inches long. Move all sts from needles to tapestry needle, and pull tightly. Secure from the inside. **OR** add tassel, if desired.

Finishing: Tie and weave in or trim all color change ends. Wash and block to fit, stretching top to a point.

CHART A

Use a 6 or 8 round corrugated ribbing chart. Use your choice of colors.

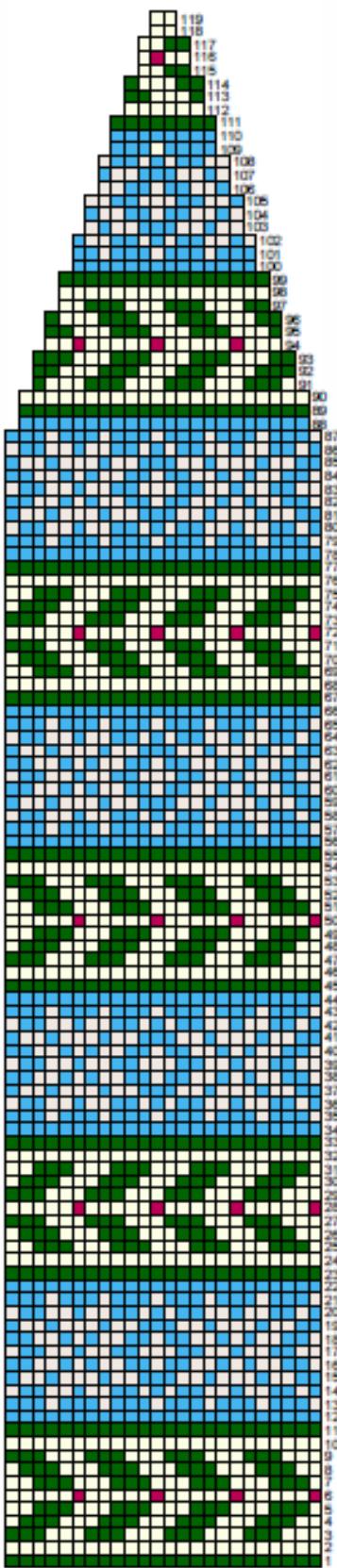
— in stitch means to purl that stitch

4	3	2	1	
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—	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	1

4	3	2	1	
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