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### **Chili Pepper**

An original pattern for Spud & Chloë

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**Size:** Baby (small child, large child, women, men)

**Note:** The hat is very stretchy and can fit a head that is several inches larger in circumference than the hat measurement. My head is 22-inches around and the 19-inch women's size hat fits my head comfortably. My daughter's head measures 21 ½ inches in circumference. The sample is knit in the 19-inch women's size.

**Circumference of the hat in approximate inches (the following measurements have been rounded):** 14 (16, 18, 19, 20) inches

**Yarn:** Spud & Chloë Fine (80% superwash wool, 20% silk, 65 grams/248 yards); 1 skein each in Shitake #7814 and Red Hot #7815

**Needles:** US size 3 sixteen-inch circular needles and a set of 4 double-pointed needles OR size to obtain gauge

**Gauge:** 7 sts per inch in stockinette stitch

**Materials:**

Yarn needle  
Stitch marker  
Scissors  
Ruler

**Hat:**

With Red Hot and the circular needles cast on 100 (112, 124, 132, 140) stitches. Join to work in the round being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a stitch marker on the first stitch of the round.

Rnds 1 and 2: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the round

Switch to Shitake.

Rnds 3 and 4: (k2, p2) repeat to the end of the round

Repeat rounds 1-4 six times more (7 times total). There should be 7 Shitake stripes at this point.

Switch to Red Hot.

Knit every round until the hat measures 9 (9 ½, 10, 10 ½, 11) inches from the cast on edge.

**Decrease rounds:**

Rnd 1: (k2, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 75 (84, 93, 99, 105) stitches remain

Rnd 2: knit

Switch to double-pointed needles.

Rnd 3: (k1, k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 50 (56, 62, 66, 70) stitches remain.

Rnds 4 and 5: knit

Rnd 6: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. 25 (28, 31, 33, 35) stitches remain.

Rnds 7 and 8: knit

Rnd 9: (k2tog) repeat to the end of the round. For all sizes except the small child, knit the remaining stitch. 13 (14, 16, 17, 18) stitches remain.



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, weave in and trim. Weave in all ends and trim.

Block as desired.

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