



## Cupcake Hat by Wendi Dunlap

*This baby hat design was originally called "Fleur," because of the flowers I planned to add to the sides. But when it was finished, it was unmistakably a cupcake in knitted form, decorated with "frosting" flowers and a swirl on top.*

*The cap is knit top-down, so you can make it as long as you like; use the measurements here as a guide.*

### What you need

#### Materials

**[MC]** Jo-Ann Sensations Dolcetto  
[54% wool, 24% nylon, 22% cotton;  
131.2 yd/120 m per 50g skein];  
color: Yellow; 1 [1, 2] skeins

**[CC]** KnitPicks Sock Garden  
[100% Merino wool; 220 yd/m per  
50g skein]; color: Star Gazer Lily;  
1 [1, 1] skein (This color has been  
discontinued; if it is not available,  
any fingering weight yarn is fine.  
You only need a few yards of this  
yarn to make three flowers.)

4 double-pointed needles, US #8  
Straight needles, US #3

Four stitch markers

Yarn needle to sew in ends

#### Gauge

20 sts/24 rows = 4" in stockinette  
stitch

#### Dimensions

Head diameter 14.5" (Baby) [16.5"  
(Toddler), 19" (Child)]

#### Pattern notes

This hat is knitted from the top  
down. The flower appliques in this  
pattern are from Nicky Epstein's  
*Knitting Over The Edge*.

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#### Definitions: kfb:

knit into front  
and back of stitch  
pm: place marker  
sm: slip marker

**Starting:** Cast on  
6 stitches of MC  
onto the double-  
pointed needles  
using the long tail  
method, and di-  
vide evenly on 3  
needles, 2 stitches  
each needle.

Join and place marker.

**Round 1:** \*kfb, pm, kfb, repeat from \* to end of round. You  
will then have 12 sts, 4 per needle.

**Round 2:** \*kfb, k1, sm, kfb, k1, repeat from \* to end of round.  
You will then have 18 sts, 6 per needle.

**Round 3:** \*kfb, k2, sm, kfb, k2, repeat from \* to end of round.  
You will then have 24 sts.

**Round 4:** \*kfb, k3, sm, kfb, k3, repeat from \* to end of round.  
You will then have 30 sts.

**Round 5:** \*kfb, k4, sm, kfb, k4, repeat from \* to end of round.  
36 sts.

**Round 6:** \*kfb, k5, sm, kfb, k5, repeat from \* to end of round.  
42 sts.

**Round 7:** \*kfb, k6, sm, kfb, k6, repeat from \* to end of round.  
48 sts.

**Round 8:** Knit all sts.

**Round 9:** \*kfb, k7, sm, kfb, k7, repeat from \* to end of round.  
54 sts.

**Round 10:** Knit all sts.

**Round 11:** \*kfb, k8, sm, kfb, k8, repeat from \* to end of round.  
60 sts.



Repeat this two round increase pattern as established, alternating Knit all sts rounds with kfb increase rounds, until you reach 72 [84, 96] sts (24 [28, 32 ] per needle).

**Next 4 Rounds:** K all sts. (You can now remove all stitch markers except for the one marking the beginning of the round.)

### ***Moss Stitch Band***

**Round 1:** \*K1, p1, repeat from \* to end of round.

**Round 2:** \*P1, k1, repeat from \* to end of round. (You are knitting the purls from the previous round and purling the knits.)

Repeat these two rounds one more time. You should have four total rounds in the moss stitch band.

### ***Ribbing***

**Round 1:** \*K3, p3, repeat from \* to end of round.

Repeat this round for 1.5 [1.75, 2] inches or to desired length.

Bind off loosely in k3 p3 ribbing pattern.

### ***Flowers***

(Make 3 of the flowers with the MC, and 3 with the CC.)

For each flower, cast on 35 stitches in CC with the straight needles, or in MC with the double-pointed needles.

**Row 1:** \*K1, bind off 5 stitches, repeat from \* to end of row. 10 stitches remaining.

Break yarn, thread tapestry needle with tail, and run it through the 10 stitches, starting with the 1st stitch. Pull the tail through the 10 stitches, removing them from the needle, and watch the flower form like magic!

### ***Finishing***

Block the flowers, and block the hat if desired. Using a tapestry needle, sew the flowers to the moss stitch band on the hat, alternating CC and MC flowers evenly. Optionally, add a small button, a French knot, or other decorative stitching of contrasting color to the center of each flower.

Weave in ends. Use the tail at the peak of the hat to tighten up any hole that may exist at the peak, if necessary.

