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## Rebel Alliance Hat

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I designed this hat in honor of the great Carrie Fisher. Carrie was, above all else, a great example of confidence, so at the end of the pattern you'll find the "Stay Afraid But Do It Anyway Spell." Check that out before you start knitting! I don't own the rebel alliance logo. I just think we should all be rebels and we should all have rebel hats. Long Live General Leia!

Gauge:

4" square is 10 stitches by 11 rows

Supplies:

6 inch circular needles in size 13, 9.0mm

Set of size 13, 9.0mm dpns

One stitch marker

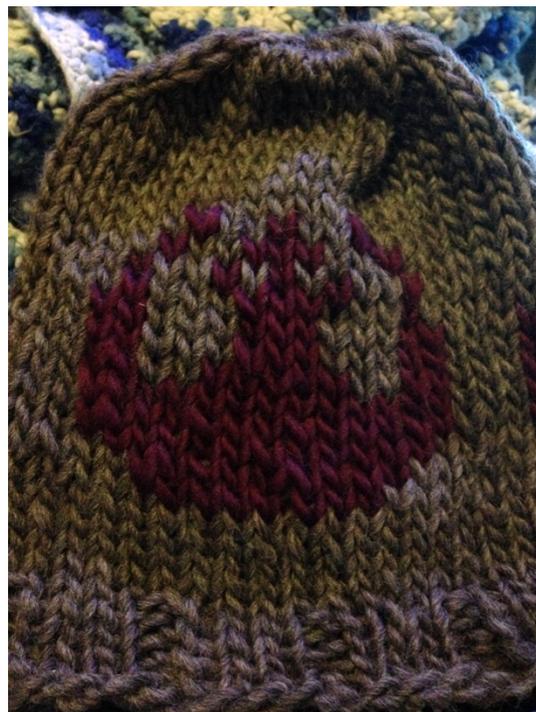
Darning needle

Yarn: I used Patons Classic Wool Roving Yarn for my hat.

Color A – Dark Grey

Color B – Plum

Any chunky yarn would work. Adjust your pattern for your head size and your yarn if need be. It just requires some math. (Yuck. Math.) (Seriously, though, email me. I'll help you adjust the pattern.)





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To Start:

CO 44 st in Color A using backward loop cast on – Join in the round and mark the start of the row with a stitch marker.

Rows 1-5 – (K1, P1) repeat around.

Row 6 – K11, M1, K11, M1, K11, M1, K11, M1,

Rows 7 - 9 Knit

Rows 10-22 Begin chart, repeating each row three times.

Note: Make sure to keep a close eye on the tension while knitting this part of the hat. Because the sections are so wide, it's easy to end up with either super long ladders, or stitches too tight to fit around the head afterward. Test it as

you go if need be.

After knitting the full chart cut and tie off Color B. The crown is in Color A.

Knit in Color A for five rows.

Hat should measure about 7 inches at this point. If it doesn't yet, knit a few more rows until it does.

For the crown:

Place 4 stitch markers evenly distributed around the hat. (Pro-tip, use a different color for the first one so you can keep track of rounds.)

As you knit around knit 2 together before each stitch marker until there are 12 stitches left, switching to dpns when the circulars are too big for the hat.

Knit two together until you have 6 stitches on the needles. Then bind off and weave the yarn through all stitches. Pull tight and tie off. Weave in ends.





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**Stitches Abbreviations:**

K – Knit

P – Purl

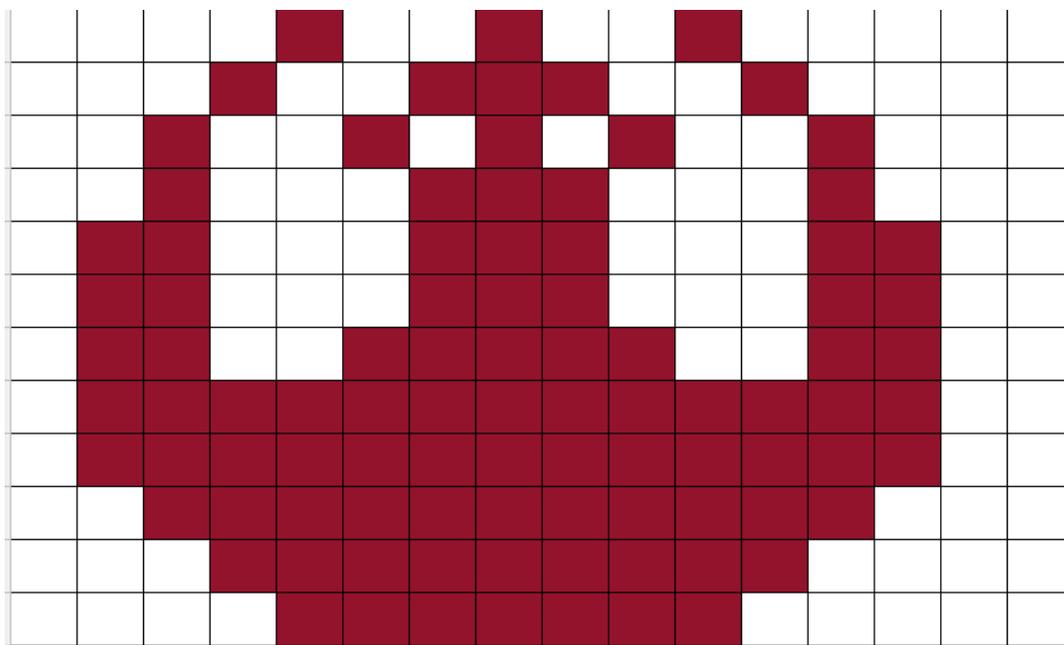
M1 – Create one new stitch

K2Tog – Knit two stitches together

PM – Place Marker

Color A -   
 Color B - 

Chart A:





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## *Stay Afraid But Do It Anyway Spell*

This spell is written to accompany this hat, but you could apply it to any project.

Before you start knitting light a red candle. Hold your two balls of yarn, Color A in your dominant hand, Color B in the other hand. Recite the following:

I pray to the great women of the past  
The feminists who boldly fought  
Who saw the world as it was  
And refused to let it remain  
Give me the strength to continue  
Give me the courage to go into battle  
Give me the confidence to  
Stay afraid, but do it anyway

Keep the red candle burning while you knit the hat and wear it with the power of Saint Carrie Fisher behind you.