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Inspired by the knit hat worn by the Japanese Olympic team in the 2018 Opening Ceremony in Pyeong Chang, this hat features a bottom-up construction and is knitted in the round. After creating a single color ribbed band, stranded color-work is used to create the diagonal stripes.

GAUGE:

9 stitches and 12 rows = 2 inches in stockinette

SUPPLIES:

- Approximately 120 yards of worsted weight yarn in main color (Red Heart Super Saver Yarn, Soft Navy was used in the test)
- A small amount of worsted weight yarn in contrast color
- US #8 (5mm) circular knitting needles
- A set of US #8 (5mm) double point knitting needles
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle to weave in the ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K: Knit a single stitch

K2tog: knit two stitches together

P: Purl

PATTERN:

Cast on 88 stitches, place marker and join in round, being careful not to twist your stitches. Work pattern as follows:

Rounds 1-8: *K2, P2* repeat to the end of the round

Rounds 9-10: Knit all stitches in main color (navy)

Add contrasting yarn

Rounds 11-18 knit according to the chart, repeating 11 times

Cut contrasting yarn and weave in tail.

Continue knitting all stitches in the round until the hat measures 5" from cast on edge

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Decrease:

Round 1: *K9, K2tog* repeat till end of round

Round 2 (and all even rounds): Knit

Round 3: *K8, K2tog* repeat till end of round

Round 5: *K7, K2tog* repeat till end of round

Round 7: *K6, K2tog* repeat till end of round

Round 9: *K5, K2tog* repeat till end of round

Continue in this pattern until the last round is K2tog across (8 stitches remaining)

Cut yarn and draw through the remaining 8 stitches. Weave in your yarn tails.

