**KNIT HAT FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S RESEARCH HOSPITAL**

**SUPPLIES & TOOLS:**

* Size 13 circular knitting needle, 16" circumference
* Big Twist Natural Blend™ yarn in violet colorway OR any other #6 super bulky yarn
* Clover pom pom Maker in size Large
* Stitch marker

**DIRECTIONS:**

Cast on 40 stitches.
Join to knit in the round, placing a stitch marker at beginning of first round.
Row 1: \*K2, P2 and repeat 4 stitch pattern (from \*) until end of row.
Rows 2-8: Continue K2, P2 pattern for 8 rows.
Rows 9+: Knit in the round until piece measures 7" total.
Next Row/first decrease round: \*K5, K2together. Repeat from \* until end of round.
New Row: Knit.
Next row/second decrease round: \*K4, K2together ,repeat from \* until last 5 stitches. K3, K2 together.
New Row: Knit.
Next row/third decrease round: \*K3, K2together, repeat from \* until last 4 stitches. K2, K2 together.
New Row: Knit.
Next row/fourth decrease round: : \*K2, K2together, repeat from \* until last 3 stitches. K1, K2 together.
New Row: Knit.
Next Row: Cut yarn leaving around a 12" tail and pull the tail thru the remaining stitches. Pull to tighten crown of hat.

OPTIONAL:
Make a pom pom in your preferred method (Clover pom pom maker tool in size large was used here). When finishing the pom pom, leave enough tail on the yarn tied at the center to attach the pom pom to the crown of the hat.

**Craft Hack Tips and Tricks:**

* Once you've decreased enough stitches you may want to change to the Magic Loop method or double pointed needles.