CALYPSO HAT by Dana Gibbons

You can do this hat in 5 dazzling colours or work a more subdued version with 3 colours. The pattern is written for 5 colours and Notes are included for the 3 colour version.

Sizes: 1 2 4 6 year olds
17½" 17½" 18" 19"

Materials: double knitting yarn
Main Colour - 50 gm
small amounts of contrast colours CC1, CC2, CC3, & CC4.
Note: If only using 2 contrast colours then use CC1 for both CC1 & CC3 and use CC2 for both CC2 & CC4.

Needles:
4.0mm/US6 circular needle (40cm/16" long)
4.0mm/US6 double point needles
Note: This pattern is written using a set of 5 double point needles. If you have a set of 4 double point needles you will have to adjust the stitches on each needle.

Tension: 22 sts = 4"/10cm on 4.0mm/US6 or needle needed to obtain this tension.

BEGINNING WITH THE TUFTED TOP
Using 2 double point needles and CC1, Cast On 3 stitches and work I-Cord for approximately 1"/2.5cm. Leave the 3 stitches on one of the double point needles. Cut yarn leaving a 3"/7.5cm tail.
With 2 more double point needles repeat the instructions above using CC2, CC3 and CC4.

Reality Check: *You now have 4 different coloured 1"/2.5cm long I-Cords, each on it's own double point needle. If you are only using 2 contrast colours you will still have 4 I-Cords, 2 I-Cords of CC1 and 2 of CC2.*

WHEEL OF HAT

I-Cord
Using 2 double point needles,
*Slide 3 sts to other end of double point needle. Knit 3 sts [on first stitch pull wool from last stitch up to first stitch and knit tightly]; repeat from * to desired length.

The wheel has 8 sections. You will be increasing 8 sts every 2nd round. Change to the circular needle when you can unless you prefer dp needles.

Join up the I-Cords: With Main Colour, knit the stitches on each of the 4 double point needles and join in the round. (12 sts)
Distribute evenly onto your set of double point needles.

Increase for wheel of hat: Work in the round.
Use the increase of your choice.

Increase Round: *K3, Increase 1; repeat from * to end of round. (16 sts)
Next Round: Knit.
Increase Round: *K2, Increase 1; repeat from * to end of round. (24 sts)
Next Round: Knit.
Increase Round: *K3, Increase 1; repeat from * to end of round. (32 sts)
Next Round: Knit.
Increase Round: *Knit 4, Increase 1; repeat from * to end of round. (40 sts)
Next Round: Knit.

Continue increasing at the end of each of the 8 sections every 2nd round, until you have a total of 96 (96, 96, 104) sts.
Each of the 8 sections will have 12 (12, 12, 13) sts.

BODY OF HAT
Increase Round: With CC1, knit increasing 0 (0, 4, 0) stitches evenly across round. (96, 96, 100, 104 sts)

Ridge:
Purl 4 rounds with CC1.
Knit 1 round with CC1.

Work Slip Stitch Pattern 3 times. First with CC1 and CC2, repeat the second time with CC3 and CC4, finish with a repeat in CC1 and CC2.
Note: If you are only using 2 contrast colours throughout the hat, work the Slip Stitch Pattern with CC1 and CC2, then on the second repeat reverse the contrast colours using CC2 in Rounds 3-4, CC1 on Rounds 5-6 and CC2 in Rounds 7-8. On the final repeat of the Slip Stitch Pattern use colours as you did on the first repeat of the Slip Stitch Pattern.

After completing the 3 Slip Stitch Patterns:
Next Round: With Main Colour, knit.
Next Round: With Main Colour, purl.

Ridge:
Next Round: With CC1, knit.
Purl 4 rounds with CC1.

BOTTOM RIBBED EDGE
Next Round: With Main Colour, knit.
Next Round: With Main Colour, work [K1, P1] rib to end of round.
Repeat last rib round for 1"/2.5cm.
Cast Off in rib. You may want to cast off with a size larger needle for a looser edge.

At the top of the crown pull the 4 I-Cord ends tightly to close the hole and tie in a knot on the inside of the hat.
Sew in ends.

SLIP STITCH PATTERN

Round 1: With Main Colour, knit.
Round 2: With Main Colour, purl.

Round 3: With CC1, knit.
Round 4: With CC1, purl.

Round 5: With CC2, *K3, SL1 purlwise with yarn in back; repeat from * to end of round.
Round 6: With CC2, *P3, SL1 purlwise with yarn in back; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 7: With CC1, knit.
Round 8: With CC1, purl.

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