A berry fancy hat

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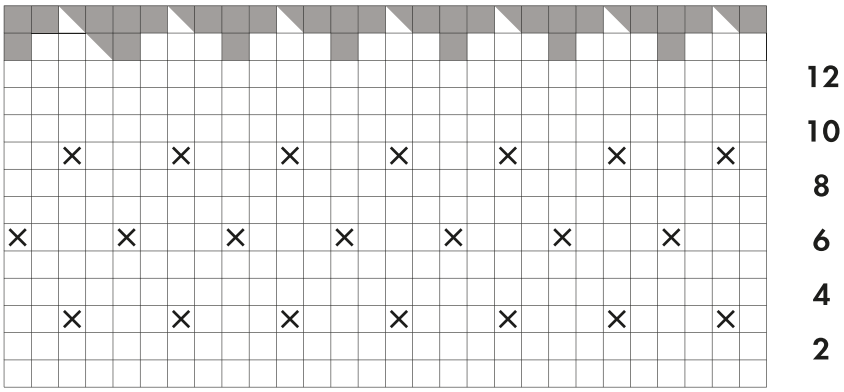
Advanced Pattern

For this one you should use yellow and red double knit yarn, and you'll also need some green for the stalk and leaves. And a strong tea.

Knitting

1. Using your red double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.
2. K2 rows. Then, starting with a knit row and working in stocking stitch throughout ((Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, repeat)) do the 12 rows as shown below.



☐ = Red ☒ = Yellow ■ = Green

3. For the next row, using green, K2 together across all stitches (14 st), then for the next row P2 together to end (7 stitches), followed by the next row which is K1, K2 together three times (4 stitches).
4. Transfer the 4 stitches from the right to the left needle, pulling the yarn tight and knitting them again. Repeat six times. This is an I-cord and will be the strawberry's stalk.
5. To finish, K2 together twice then pass the first stitch over the second. Fasten off by pulling the yarn through the last switch.
6. Make up by sewing the side seams together and finish off by threading the yarn down the strawberry stalk.

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