Ewan McColl inspired bobble hats

Materials
Dark Green DK – Colour A
Blue DK – Colour B
Yellow – Colour C
Black – Colour D
Red – Colour E
White – Colour F
3.5 mm Circular needles 16” long
4mm Circular needles 16” long
4mm dpns
Tapestry needle

Patterns
Cast on 112 sts in colour A using 3.5mm circular needles
Get ready to work in the round ensuring that the work does not twist. Place stitch marker and join ends, *K1,P1* repeat till stitch marker. Repeat this row for 3 more rows.
Change to 4mm circular needles and knit for 30 rows.
Change to colour B and knit for 3 rows
Knit 5 rows in Colour A
Knit 2 rows in Colour B
Knit 5 rows in Colour C
Knit 1 row in Colour D
Knit 5 rows in Colour C
Knit 2 Rows in Colour B
Knit 2 Rows in Colour E
K2 tog to stitch marker in colour E (56 sts)
K1 row in colour F
Change to 4mm dpns, K2tog repeat to end in Colour E and continue to end of pattern(28sts)
Knit 1 row
K2tog to end (14sts)
Knit 1 row
K2tog to end (7sts).

Thread yarn tail through the remaining 7sts and pull tight and bind off. Weave in any ends to finish off hat.

Now make a 4.5cm pompom using oddments and secure to top of hat.

(If you do not wish to make a pompom, please could you put lengths of the wool you used to knit the hat, into the hat for us to make a matching pompom – thank you).

 Alternatives

We ask that you stick strictly to the pattern and needle sizes, so that there is a common identity throughout all bobble hats – same combinations, positions and widths of stripes; however we are happy for you to alter the colours as you wish.

This pattern will work with wool or acrylic, however wool is more authentic, or a non-shiny acrylic.

Deadline:

100 completed hats (incl. pompoms) by 7th June 2019.