Melt the ICE hat

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In the 1940's, Norwegians made and wore red pointed hats with a tassel as a form of visual protest against Nazi occupation of their country.
Within two years, the Nazis made these protest hats illegal and punishable by law to wear, make, or distribute.
As purveyors of traditional craft, we felt it appropriate to revisit this design.

Materials

approximately 200 yards of RED yarn of your choice in fingering, DK or Worsted

needle sizes: US4(US6,US8)

Tapestry needle
scissors

Gauge: pre-blocking was 28 stitches to 4 inches in the 1×1 rib using DK weight yarn.
Finished Size: 22" circumference

ABBREVIATIONS:
BOR: Beginning of Round
K2tog: Knit two together
SSK: Slip, Slip, knit
sm: slip marker

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Directions

Cast on 132(108,96)
Join for knitting in the round.

1. Knit in 1 × 1 rib to 6 inches or desired length
2. Knit 1 round placing markers every 33(27,24) stitches or divide evenly on 4 DPNs.
3. Knit 2(1,1) rounds
4. Starting at BOR, In the round: *knit to last 4 stitches before next marker, K2tog, K2, sm, K2, SSK, Knit to marker, sm* Repeat *to* until beginning of round.

   If you are using DPNs:
   Knit to 4 stitches before end of first needle, K2tog, K2. On second needle, K2, SSK, Knit to end of second needle repeat on third and fourth needles.

5. Repeat around until 3 stitches remain between each marker (or on each needle).
6. Break yarn and weave through remaining stitches.

Tassel:
Using remaining yarn, cut nine 22" pieces. Pull both ends of the 9 strands through the top of the hat from the inside on either side of the finished top of the hat.
Divide these strands into 3 bundles of 6 strands. Braid until 2 inches remain.
Overhand knot all strands together.

Finishing: Weave in all ends and block.

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