



This is a variation on Adrian Bizilia's most excellent pattern, *We Call Them Pirates*, and is distributed with her express permission. You can download the original pattern for free from Hello Yarn: www.helloyarn.com/wecallthempirates.htm

We Call Them Pirates is incredibly well conceived and an absolute joy to knit. Adrian has designed a matching mitten set as well.

This variation substitutes ampersands for skulls & crossbones and calls for a few more stitches. Cast on 140 stitches instead of 128, as called for in *Pirates*. For rows 1 to 5, eliminate the final 4 stitches of the pattern repeat (end with 140 stitches, instead of 144). For rows 6 through 68, follow the 35-stitch repeat. Work decreases for the crown shaping as called for in the *Pirates* pattern directions, but begin on row 54 instead of 46. If you're worried about fit, try knitting with a smaller needle to increase the gauge to 6.5 stitches per inch and that way, you'll be able to sneak in a few more rows without making it too long. For the rows in which red is called for, you will be knitting with three colors, stranding the two unused colors while knitting with the third. If a color is unused for more than six stitches, "weave" it in by catching it behind working stitches.



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