

KNIT BABY + PREEMIE HATS

ABBREVIATIONS

- K = knit
- tog = together
- mm = millimeters
- p = purl
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- St st = Stockinette stitch (k on right side rows, p on wrong side rows)
- * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated
- [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

PREEMIE HATS

Directions are for 3-Light Yarn; changes for 4-Medium Yarn are in parentheses. You will need 1 ounce of yarn for each hat.

Knitted Hat:

Double Point Knitting Needles: 3.5 and 4mm [US 4 and 6] (4 and 5mm [US 6 and 8]). 3 stitch markers.

Knit: 11 (111/4)".

Gauge: 22 sts = 4"; 30 rows = 4" (17 sts = 4"; 23 rows = 4") in St st.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles / hook to obtain the gauges.

With smaller needles, cast on 60 (48) sts - 20(16) sts on each of 3 needles. Join, being careful that sts are not twisted.

Ribbing Rnd: * K2, P2; repeat from * around.

Repeat Ribbing Rnd until 2½" from beginning. Change to larger needles and work in St st (K every rnd) until 5" from beginning.

Shape Top: Place a marker between the 10th and 11th (8th and 9th) sts on each needle.

Next Rnd: [K2tog, K to marker, K2tog, K to end of needle] 3 times – 18 (14) sts on each needle.

Next Rnd: [K2tog, K to marker, K2tog, K to end of needle] 3 times – 16 (12) sts on each needle.

Next Rnd: Knit.

Repeat last 3 rnds 2 (1) more times, then rep the first 2 rnds again –4 sts on each needle.

Cut yarn leaving an 8" end. With yarn needle, weave end through remaining sts, draw up tightly and fasten securely.

Fold ribbing in half to the right side.

BABY HATS

This pattern gives two sizes – 12" and 14" circumference. Directions are for size 12"; changes for size 14" are in parentheses.

Hat Circumference: 12" (14").

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8]. Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 23 rows = 4" in St st.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

K2, p2 Rib (worked over a multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1 (Right Side): * K2, p2; repeat from *across.

Repeat Row 1 for K2, p2 rib.

HAT

Cast on 48 (56) sts.

Brim

Work in K2, p2 rib for 1 $(1\frac{1}{2})$ ", end by working a wrong side row.

Begin St st with a k row, and work even until piece measures $4\frac{1}{2}$ ($5\frac{1}{2}$)" from beginning, end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Crown

Row 1: * K6, K2tog; repeat from * across-42 (49) sts.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 (Wrong Side): Purl across.

Row 3: * K5, k2tog; repeat from * across-36 (42) sts.

Row 5: * K4, k2tog; repeat from * across-30 (35) sts.

Row 7: * K3, k2tog; repeat from * across-24 (28) sts.

Row 9: * K2, k2tog; repeat from * across–18 (21) sts.

Row 11: * K1, k2tog; repeat from * across–12 (14) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Thread through remaining sts, pull tightly to secure.

FINISHING

Sew back seam. Weave in yarn ends.

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