



## Preemie Hats

A knitting pattern

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### Materials:

Small amounts of sport-weight soft, washable yarn in pastels, or colors of your choice

US3 (3.25mm) double-pointed needles

Tapestry needle

### Gauge:

6.5 to 7 sts = 1in (2.54cm), depending on your yarn

A slightly different gauge will give you a slightly smaller or larger hat, but all baby heads are different anyway.

### Finished Size:

11-12in (28-30.5cm) in circumference

### Abbreviations:

cm = centimeters

CO = cast on

dpns = double-pointed needles

g = grams

in = inches

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 together = insert needle into two stitches at once and knit as one stitch

m = meter(s)

mm = millimeters

oz = ounces

p = purl

p2tog = purl 2 together = insert needle

purlwise into two stitches at once and purl

as one stitch

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

st(s) = stitch(es)

stst = stockinette stich = knit 1 row, purl

1 row if working back and forth; knit

every round if working in the round

tog = together

yd(s) = yard(s)

yo = yarn over = if knitting, bring yarn to

front between needles, then up and over

right needle and to the back of work; if

purling, bring yarn up and over right

needle and to the back of work, then to

front between needles

## **PATTERN**

CO 72 sts and distribute to dpns. Join, being careful not to twist.

Work k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rnds.

### Eyelet Version Only:

*Rnds 1-3:* knit.

*Rnd 4:* {k1, k2tog, yo, k3} to end.

*Rnds 5-7:* knit.

*Rnd 8:* {k4, k2tog, yo} to end.

Rep *Rnds 1-8* twice more.

Continue to Crown Shaping below.

### Heart Version Only:

*Rnds 1-3:* knit.

*Rnd 4:* {k6, p1, k5} to end.

*Rnd 5:* {k5, [p1, k1] twice, k3} to end.

*Rnd 6:* {k4, [p1, k1] three times, k2} to end.

*Rnds 7, 9, 11:* {k3, [p1, k1] four times, k1} to end.

*Rnds 8, 10:* {k2, [p1, k1] five times} to end.

*Rnd 12:* {k4, [p1, k3] twice} to end.

Knit 12 more rnds.

Continue to Crown Shaping below.

### Diamond Version Only:

*Rnds 1-3:* knit.

*Rnds 4, 12:* {k6, p1, k5} to end.

*Rnds 5, 11:* {k5, p1, k1, p1, k4} to end.

*Rnds 6, 10:* {k4, p1, k3, p1, k3} to end.

*Rnds 7, 9:* {k3, p1, k5, p1, k2} to end.

*Rnd 8:* {k2, p1, k7, p1, k1} to end.

Knit 12 more rnds.

Continue to Crown Shaping below.

### Crown Shaping (Eyelet, Heart, and Diamond Versions):

*Rnds 1-11, odd:* knit.

*Rnd 2:* {k4, k2tog} to end - 60 sts.

*Rnd 4:* {k3, k2tog} to end - 48 sts.

*Rnd 6:* {k2, k2tog} to end - 36 sts.

*Rnd 8:* {k1, k2tog} to end - 24 sts.

*Rnd 10:* k2tog to end - 12 sts.

Cut tail and thread through remaining loops. Pull tight and tie off. Weave in ends.



Striped Version Only:

After initial 6 rnds of ribbing in color A, switch to color B, without cutting color A. Knit two rnds with color B. Switch back to color A, without cutting color B, by twisting the two strands behind work. Knit two rnds with color A. Continue in stst, changing colors every two rnds, for 24 rnds above ribbing. Follow crown shaping as above, but continue to change color every two rnds.



Ribbed Version Only:

CO 72 sts and distribute to dpns. Join, being careful not to twist.

Work k2, p2 ribbing for 30 rnds.

Crown Shaping (Ribbed Version):

*Rnd 1:* {k2, p2, k2, p2tog} to end - 63 sts.

*Rnd 2:* {k2, p2, k2, p1} to end.

*Rnd 3:* {k2, p2, k1, p2tog} to end - 54 sts.

*Rnd 4:* {k2, p2, k1, p1} to end.

*Rnd 5:* {k2, p2, p2tog} to end - 45 sts.

*Rnd 6:* {k2, p3} to end.

*Rnd 7:* {k2, p1, p2tog} to end - 36 sts.

*Rnd 8:* {k2, p2} to end.

*Rnd 9:* {k2tog, p2tog} to end - 18 sts.

*Rnd 10:* {k1, p1} to end.

*Rnd 11:* k2tog to end - 9 sts.

Cut tail and thread through remaining loops. Pull tight and tie off. Weave in ends.



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