



Softest Baby Hat

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Knitting in the round using a circular needle is a great idea for hats because you avoid that pesky seam. If you have never done this before then this project is ideal. Firstly start using a circular needle and then swap to double pointed needles as the top of the hat decreases.

SIZES

To fit age: 3-9 months

Finished Hat Measurement: 32 cm

YOU WILL NEED

Yarn: [Rowan Finest](#)

1 x 25g Ball

20% Cashmere | 50% Merino Wool Extra Fine | 30% Alpaca

Needle size: 3.25mm

Stitches per 10cm: 28 sts x 36 rows

Meterage: 87m

1 x 3.25cm circular needle,

1 x set of 3.25 double pointed needles.

Note: Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

TENSION

7 sts and 10 rows to 2.5cm (1 ins) in st st using 3.25mm needles

Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.

ABBREVIATIONS

St = stitch, sts = stitches, k = Knit, p = Purl, sl = slip, k2tog = knit the next 2 stitches together, skpo = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over, Yfwd = yarn brought forward, Ybk = yarn to the back, rep = repeat, patt = pattern

PATTERN

Using 3.25mm circular needles cast on 96 sts. Join the round making sure you don't twist the stitches and then place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Row 1: *K1, k the next st keeping it on the left needle, yfwd, p this st and the next st tog, ybk, rep from * to end.

Row 2: K.

Rows 1 and 2 form the patt, continue to work in this patt until the rib edging measures 5cm, ending with a K row.

Next row: (k16, m1) rep to end. 102 sts.

Now continue to k in the round until the hat measures 13cm

Decreasing Rounds

Rnd 1: (K15, k2tog) rep around.

Rnd 2: (K2tog, k12, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 3: and every odd row, k.

Rnd 4: (K2tog, k10, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 6: (K2tog, k8, skpo) rep around.

Change to working with double pointed needles.

Rnd 8: (K2tog, k6, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 10: (K2tog, k4, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 12: (K2tog, k2, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 14: (K2tog, skpo) rep around.

Rnd 16: (K2tog) rep around.

Continue to k a further 6 rounds on these 6 sts.

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts on the needles and pull tightly to fasten off.

To make up

Sew in ends.

To make a plain version of this hat, work the rib in k1, p1 pattern and then at the top of the crown gather the last 6 sts. Place a small bow and button at the top of the crown and sew on securely.



