

PREEMIE BABY HAT - submitted by Joan Straka

(Joan can't have too many of these hats and would appreciate your help)

Materials: Sport Weight Yarn, anything except wool
#2 & #3 knitting needles

For 1-2 lb. baby cast on 72 sts. For 2-4 lb. baby cast on 84 sts.
Work 18 rows garter st. (Joan suggested 6 rows c.c., 6 rows m.c., and 6 rows c.c.)

Change to m.c. and #3 needles and work 15 rows in st.st.

Cap shaping decreased as follows:

Row 1: *K 4, K 2 tog; rep from * around.

Row 2: All even rows P

Row 3: *K 3, K 2 tog; rep from * around

Row 5: *K 2, K 2 tog; rep from * around

Row 7: *K 1, K 2 tog; rep from * around

Row 9: *K 2 tog; rep from * around

Row 11: rep row 9

Break yarn leaving long tail, thread tail through rem sts, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew seam. Make Pompon or tie small bow on top of hat.

PREEMIE CAP: *

Using a good quality acrylic baby yarn, and #4 needles, cast on 72 stitches. Work 2" of K2, P2 ribbing, then work 2-1/2" of stockinette stitch (or stitch of your choice). Begin decreases:

Row 1: K4, k2tog, across row.

Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8: Purl

Row 3: K3, k2tog, across row.

Row 5: K2, k2tog, across row.

Row 7: K2tog, across row.

Cut yarn long enough to sew back seam and run through

stitches on needle, pull up tight and sew seam. Add pom-pom if desired.

Here are some variations for the plain part of the cap. For each one, adjust the number of stitches after the ribbing to the amount given for each particular pattern.

Garter Block - 75 stitches

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11 (Rt side): Knit

Rows 2, 4 & 6: K5, *p5, k5

Rows 8, 10, & 12: P5, *k5, p5

Organ Pipes - 70 sts.

Rows 1 & 3 (Rt. side): K4, *p2, k4

Rows 2 & 4: P4, *k2, p4

Rows 5 & 7: P1, k2, *p4, k2, rep from * end p1.

Rows 6 & 8: K1, p2, *k4, p2, rep from * end k1.

Row 9: Purl

Row 10: Knit

Triangular Stitch - 70 sts

Row 1: *P6, k1, rep from * across

Row 2: *P2, k5, rep from * across

Row 3: *P4, k3, rep from * across

Row 4: *P4, k3, rep from * across

Row 5: *P2, k5, rep from * across

Row 6: *P6, k1, rep from * across

KNITTED BABY BIB *

This is a very quick and easy project to use up your leftover dishcloth cottons. It can also be made in knitting worsted weight yarn. The bib makes a good charity knitting project as well as a matching "drool" bib to go with little kids sweaters. Each bib takes about 45 yards to make. I got almost three bibs out of one ball of Lily Sugar 'n Cream. If you have a whole ball, you can insert some stripes of another color to do the third one or use up 'til bits of yarn and stripe the whole thing!

Materials: Lily Sugar 'n Cream cotton yarn or worsted weight scraps. Size 7 or 8 needles. Size H or 8 crochet hook.

Gauge: 4 sts = 1"

s2kp = slip 2 stitches as if to k2tog, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knit stitch - double dec made.

Cast on 35 sts.

Row 1: K17, p1, k17.

Row 2: K1, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 3: K17, p1, k17

Row 4 (rt side): K1, yo, k15, s2kp, k15, yo, k1.

Row 5: K17, p1, k17.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 until piece measures 6" along center decrease line. Bind off but do not cut yarn. Insert crochet hook into last loop and crochet a chain about 10-11" long. Pick up opposite corner stitch and make another chain.