

Carol Staples' own pattern
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PREMIE STOCKING CAP

Needles: sizes 3 & 4
Gauge: 8 rows=1 inch
Cast on a multiple of 4
Use 3ply baby yarn or fingering yarn
Alter size by changing needle size and yarn size.

Cast on 80 st on #3 needles.

Work k2 and p2 for 16 rows. (two inches)
Change to #4 needles and work k2, p2 for 15 rows. (Work should measure 4 inches altogether).
Row 32 (wrong side) * k2 tog, p2. Repeat across from *.
End with p2. (60 st)
Row 33 - * k2, p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 34 - * k1, p2. Repeat across from *. End with p2.
Row 35 - * k2, p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 36 -(wrong side) * k1, p2 tog. Repeat across from *. End with p2 tog. (40 st)
Row 37 - * k1, p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 38 - * k1, p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 39 - * k1, p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 40 -(wrong side) * p2 tog. Repeat across from *. (20 st.)
Row 41 - k each st. (20)
Row 42 - * p2 tog. Repeat across from *. (10)

Leave long end on yarn. Pull through remaining 10 stitches and fasten. Sew up sides of hat and work in yarn. Add a tassel or pom pom for a little variety.

...or smaller

On #3 needles cast on 72 st.

Work k2 P2 ribbing for 16 rows. (two inches)
Change to #4 needles and k2 p2 for 15 rows. (Should measure 4 inches altogether.)
Row 32 (wrong side) * k2 tog, p2 Repeat across from *
end with p2. (54 st)
Row 33 - * k2,p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 34 - * k1,p2. Repeat across from *. End with p2.
Row 35 - * k2,p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 36 - (wrong side) * k1, p2tog. Repeat across from *.
End with p2 tog. (36 st)
Row 37 - * k1,p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 38 - * k1,p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 39 - * k1,p1. Repeat across from *. End with p1.
Row 40 - (wrong side) * p2 tog. Repeat across from *. (18)
Row 41 - k each st. (18)
Row 42 - * p2 tog. Repeat across from *. (9)

Finish same as above.