

Baby's Day Out Hat



Material

Yarn: 1 skein Sugar n Cream [1 skein was just enough for me. You may need more].

Needles: DPNs US 8 5.00 mm

A strip of plastic sheet thick enough to make the brim stiff

Size: To fit 3-6 months old baby

Pattern

The hat is knit in two parts. First we knit a cap and then pick up stitches along the base of the cap and knit the brim. The brim is knit increased till the desired brim length and then decreased to match the increased brim. The brim is then folded in half and a plastic sheet is placed in between to make the brim stiff.

CO 60 stitches. Join to form a round taking care not to twist.

Knit all rounds evenly until the hat measures 3 inches.

Decreases

Round 1: *K7, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 2: Knit all

Round 3: *K6, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 4: Knit all

Round 5: *K5, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 6: Knit all

Continue decreasing in the same way until *K1, K2tog* across all stitches.

Leave a 6 inch tail and cut the yarn. Weave the yarn into all remaining stitches and pull tight.

Brim

Pick up 60 stitches along the base of the hat.

Increases

Note: - For increase, you can either use M1 or Knit in front or back of the stitch technique.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K4, increase one knit stitch* Repeat until end of round

Round 3: Knit

Round 4: Knit

Round 5: *K5, increase one knit stitch* Repeat until end of round. Round 6: Knit across

Round 7: *K6, increase one knit stitch* Repeat until end of round.

Round 8-11: Knit

[For every plain knit round and increase round in the brim, we make corresponding plain and decrease rounds. You can add additional increase rounds to make the brim as long as you want. If you add more increase rounds, then you need to do more corresponding decreases. If you knit more rounds, one skein of yarn may not be enough.

Decreases

Round 1-4: Knit

Round 5: *K5, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 6: Knit

Round 7: *K4, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 8: Knit

Round 9: Knit

Round 10: *K3, K2tog* Repeat until end of round

Round 11: Knit

Bind off.

Finishing

Fold the brim inside in such a way that the outer edge of the brim touches the base of the hat. This would be the actual width of the brim. Cut out a plastic sheet to fit into this folded brim. Place the sheet between the folds and sew the brim to the base of the hat. The plastic sheet helps the brim to stay stiff and protects the eyes of the baby from the harsh sun.