

Cute Little Buggy Hat



Description: This hat is made to fit an older baby or younger toddler. It is in two sizes, so check your gauge, or just knit for fun and find a little person who needs a hat!

Gauge: 11 stitches and 16 rows = 2 inches (5 cm.) Stitch gauge is the most important here, since you need to get the circumference right, but you can add length by adding rows.

Materials: 1 (2) skeins of Rhythm Superwash by Jojoland, worsted, 100% merino, 110 yds. (101 meters), 50 grams. (You might be able to squeak out the larger hat with only 1 ball, but why chance it?)

1 set (4 needles) size 5 double pointed knitting needles, 8” long, or a shorter set of 5.

Tapestry Needle and Scissors

Pattern Notes: **M1** This is used for the increase on the 11th row. Use the backward loop increase (Elizabeth Zimmerman’s favorite increase) because it is close to invisible.

Garner stitch in the round is knit one row, purl the next row.

Reverse stockinette stitch in the round is purl all stitches.

Pattern

Cast on 70 (77) stitches and join to begin working garner stitch in the round (knit one row, purl one row). Work garner stitch for 10 rows.

Row 11—smaller size: (increase row) increase as follows: *P3, M1, P4, M1, P3, M1.* Repeat between ** six more times. (You will be increasing a total of 21 stitches for a total of 91 stitches).

Row 11—larger size: (increase row) increase as follows: *P4, M1, P4, M1, P3, M1.* Repeat between ** six more times. (You will be increasing a total of 21 stitches for a total of 98 stitches). Larger size instructions will now appear in parentheses () if stitch number is different from smaller size.

Row 12—smaller size: *P12, K1* Repeat between ** six more times.

Row 12—larger size: *P13, K1* Repeat between ** six more times.

Continue working row 12 until hat measures 4½ inches (5 inches) [12 cm. (13.5cm)].

Decrease Row 1: *P2tog, P8 (P9), P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times.

Work next two rows keeping to pattern—no decreases on these two rows (e.g. P10 (P11), K1 across row.

Decrease Row 2: *P2tog, P6 (P7), P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times, then work 2 rows with no decreases.

Decrease Row 3: *P2tog, P4 (P5), P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times, then work 2 rows with no decreases.

Decrease Row 4: *P2tog, P2 (P3), P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times, then work 2 rows with no decreases.

Decrease Row 5: *P2tog, (P1), P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times, then work 2 rows with no decreases.

Decrease Row 7—smaller size: *P2tog, K1, repeat from **six more times, then work 2 rows with no decreases.

Decrease Row 7—larger size: *P2tog, K2tog, repeat from **six more times, then work 1 row with no decreases.

Decrease Row 8—both sizes: *K2tog, repeat from **six more times.

Decrease for I-cord: K2tog, 4 stitches left.

I-cord top: put all 4 stitches on 1 needle and work I-cord for 5 (6) rows. Cut a 6 inch (15 cm) yarn tail, thread tapestry needle with the tail, and thread through the loops of the I-cord. Pull through to the inside, and weave in yarn tails. Enjoy watching your favorite toddler wear this hat!