

Top Down Bonnet

by Adrian Bizilia



To fit head measuring: 14" (16", 18", 20") newborn (baby, child, adult)

Materials: Sport weight yarn- approx. 50 (75, 100, 125) yards (shown in Hello Yarn Fat Sock.)

Needles: size 3US dpns and 16" circular, or whatever size needed to get gauge.

Gauge: 6 sts. and 8 rows = 1"

Abbreviations:

st./sts. - stitch/stitches

k - knit

m1 - make 1, an increase - your choice

K2TOG - Knit 2 stitches together, a decrease.

SSK - Slip first and second stitches separately as if to knit. Slip back onto left needle and knit together.

Pattern:

Cast on 36 (40, 44, 48) sts. with figure 8 cast on (half on one needle, half on the other.). Join into round.

The bonnet has two sides, the front and back, divided by 2 vertical lines of increases, which you start now:

Round 1. Knit plain (Knit second half of first round only through the back loop to untwist stitches.)

Round 2. Increase round- *k1, m1, k16 (18, 20, 22), m1, k1* Repeat once more.

Round 3. Knit plain

Round 4. Increase round- *k1, m1, k18 (20, 22, 24), m1, k1* Repeat once more.

Continue in this manner until you have 80 (88, 96, 104) sts. on the needles.

You will now need to decrease for the nape of the neck. Keep increasing as you have been, every other round, while decreasing every round as follows:

Round 1. Knit 18 (20, 22, 24), K2TOG, place marker, SSK, work 58 (64, 70, 76.)



Round 2. work to 2 sts. before marker, K2TOG, slip marker, SSK, work around.

Work round 2 until you have done 5 (6, 7, 8) decreases, then stop decreasing and continue increasing until there are 54 (58, 62, 66) sts. on the front of the bonnet (side without decreases), ending on an increase row.

Stop increasing now. Purl the next row, and then alternate knit rows with purl rows (garter stitch) for .5(.75, 1, 1.25) inches ending on a purl row. Bind off in knit stitches. Do not cut yarn.

I-cord ties:

Pick up two more stitches (3 on needle at the corner of the bonnet at the point created by increases) and knit a 3 st. i-cord for 10" (11", 12", 13"). Make another one at the other increase point.



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