

Newborn Hat

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I have two friends who are pregnant and expecting baby boys. Along with buying them each some items from their baby registries, I wanted to knit something special for the babies, and every newborn needs a hat to help keep them warm.

The hat I designed is just a simple Stockinette stitch hat with rolled brim, but I used a beautiful, hand-dyed superwash merino wool. A rolled brim is very practical for a child's hat because it can be rolled up or unrolled as much as necessary to fit the child's head. I chose a superwash wool for easy laundering; machine-washable is something every new parent will appreciate.

YARN

1 hank Madelinetosh Tosh Vintage (100% superwash merino wool; 200 yds/hank), in Composition Book Grey.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS

US 7 (4.5mm), 16" circular needles and set of 4 dpns.

Darning needle to finish.

GAUGE

19.5 sts and 29.5 rows = 4" in St st.

FINISHED SIZE

To fit a newborn to 3 month old baby.
(The hat is approx 12" in circumference unstretched and will stretch to fit up to a 16" head circumference.)



NOTES

One hank of Madelinetosh Tosh Vintage is enough to make three of these newborn hats.



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INSTRUCTIONS

With circular needles, CO 56 sts. PM and join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.

Work in St st (k all sts) until hat measures 4.5" from CO edge. Begin decrease rnds, switching to dpns when necessary.

Decrease Rnds

Rnd 1: *k6, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (49 sts).

Rnd 2: *k5, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (42 sts).

Rnd 3: k.

Rnd 4: *k4, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (35 sts).

Rnd 5: k.

Rnd 6: *k3, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (28 sts).

Rnd 7: k.

Rnd 8: *k2, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (21 sts).

Rnd 9: k.

Rnd 10: *k1, k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (14 sts).

Rnd 11: *k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd (7 sts).

FINISHING

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail. Thread tail onto darning needle and gather remaining 7 sts, pull tight and secure. Weave in and secure loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately

CO cast on

dpns double-pointed needles

k knit

k2tog knit 2 sts together

mm millimeter(s)

PM place marker

rep repeat

rnd(s) round(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

St st Stockinette stitch

yd(s) yard(s)



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