

Baby Tri-Peak

by Woolly Wormhead



Materials:

Approx. 50g/90m of Aran or Worsted weight yarn
set of 4.5mm DPN or size to obtain gauge

Tapestry needle

Stitch markers as necessary

Gauge:

20 sts to 10cm/4" on 4.5mm needles over St.St

Sizes:

To fit size: 12 (14, 16) inches, 30.5 (35.5, 40.5) cm

Abbreviations:

K – knit

Not sure which size to make? Grab a tape measure! Babies' heads vary greatly – a typical newborn size is roughly 14", typical year is 18" but these are only averages.

Special Techniques:

Kitchener stitch or crochet bind are perfect for finishing the top of the Hat. Tutorials can be downloaded as PDF files from here:

<http://www.woollywormhead.com/knitting-crochet/>

Alteration Notes:

To alter the size for a tri-peak, increase or decrease the number of cast-on sts by 6. Should you wish for a quatra-peak, cast on 56 [72, 80] sts and start the first peak by slipping the first 7 [9, 10] etc.

How to:

Cast on 54 [66, 78] sts
Join in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts.
Place stitch marker to indicate start of rnd.

Body:

Knit every rnd to create stocking stitch.

Continue until length of tube is 6 [6.5, 7] inches/15 [16.5, 17.75] cm or desired length. At this length, you are ready to start the top shaping.

Crown shaping:

Slip the first 9 [11, 13] sts from the next needle directly after marker (start of rnd) onto a 4.5mm DPN (or spare needle)

You are now at the tip of the first point. Count off & slip the next 9 [11, 13] sts onto another spare 4.5mm DPN. Leave rest of sts on other needles or stitch holders, as you'll need them later for the other peaks.

These two needles are now your working needles. With this set of working needles, both should have 9 [11, 13] sts on them. Hold them so that they are parallel and wrong sides together. You are ready to start the crochet 2-needle cast

off.

Peak 1: With your crochet hook, slip the 1st stitch off the first working needle onto the hook. Do the same with the 1st stitch of the 2nd working needle. Pass the 1st stitch on the hook over the 2nd (with me so far?) Slip the 2nd stitch of the 1st needle onto the hook, and again pass over the previous stitch. Keep going like this until you have one stitch remaining - you are crocheting alternate stitches from the working needles and passing over the previous stitch on the crochet hook.

Note: you do not need the yarn for this method, so leave it attached and trailing at the start of the rnd.

The remaining stitch should be held on a marker until you have finished all 3 peaks. You should have a visible seam, which looks a little plaited, kinda. This method helps keep the peaks 'crisp'.

Peak 2: Slip next 9 [11,13] sts onto a working DPN. And again the following 9 [11, 13] sts onto 2nd working DPN. rpt the cast-off process, saving the remaining stitch with the first, on a stitch holder.

Peak 3: With any luck, you should have 18 [22, 26] sts remaining. Divide these evenly across 2 needles and rpt this crochet 2-needle cast off again.

Finishing:

You will have 3 sts remaining; the finishing sts from each peak. Break yarn and thread through remaining sts. Pass yarn end to inside, and weave in all ends.

A gentle blocking is recommended.

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