

Baby I-Cord Beanie

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:

18 sts x 24 rows to 10cm/4" on 4.5mm needles over St.St

Sizes:

To fit size: 12 (14, 16, 18) inches, 30.5 (35.5, 40.5, 45.5) cm

Abbreviations:

- K – knit
 P – purl
 M1 – pick up the horizontal loop between next 2 sts, place it onto the left needle then knit into the back of it

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.

Single I-cord version:

Cast on 3sts. Knit I-cord for 3" or desired length.
Next rnd: knit into the front & back of each st [6sts]

Multiple I-cord version:

Knit each I-cord separately. More than 4 I-cords gets a bit tricky and messy; ideally 2 or 3 is neatest. You need to aim towards 6 sts to start the crown increases.

As you have completed your last I-cord, don't break the yarn – leave it on the needle.

Add the other I-cords to the left-hand end of the DPN, with all cut ends laying in the same direction as the working I-cord, i.e. to the left. You will now work across them, working them together. Bring the yarn to the start of the row as you would when making the I-cords.

2 I-cords:

You will have 6 sts, which is the desired amount to start the crown increases.

3 I-cords:

There will be 9sts.
Next row: *[K1, K2tog]; rpt from * to end [6sts]

4 I-cords:

There will be 12sts.
Next row: *K2tog; rpt from * to end [6sts]

Plain Beanie:

For a plain Hat without I-cord, cast on 6sts.

Crown Shaping (all versions):

Spread sts evenly across 3 needles.

Join the rnd, being careful not to twist the sts.

Next rnd: *K1, M1; rpt from * to end. [12 sts]

(If you find on this row that picking up the loop for M1 is difficult, then increase the extra stitch by knitting into both the front and the back of the first stitch of the repeat. Picking up the loop will be easier in later rnds)

Next rnd: *K1, M1, K1; rpt from * to end [18 sts]

Next rnd: *K1, M1, K2; rpt from * to end [24 sts]

Next rnd: *K1, M1, K3; rpt from * to end [30 sts]

Next rnd: *K1, M1, K4; rpt from * to end [36 sts]

Next rnd: *K1, M1, K5; rpt from * to end [42 sts]

Carry on increasing in this fashion, i.e. one extra stitch in each repeat, increasing 6sts per rnd until you have 54 [60, 72, 84] sts

Body:

Work plain stocking stitch (knit every rnd) until Hat measures 6 [6.5, 7, 7.5] inches/15 [16.5, 18] cm from crown or until desired length.

Cast off and allow edge to roll.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends. A gentle blocking is recommended.

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