

Baby Jester Hat

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 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
- 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.

Adjustment Notes:

This pattern is easily adjusted by casting on extra sts in multiples of 6.

How to:

Cast on 54 [60, 66, 72] sts
Join in the round, being careful not to twist sts.
Place stitch marker to indicate start of round.

Body:

Work stocking stitch by knitting every round for 3 [4, 5, 6] inches/7.5 [10, 12.5, 15] cm or desired length

It is now a good idea to make sure the stitches are evenly distributed across 3 needles, with a 4th as the working needle.

Crown shaping:

Rnd 1: *K1, M1 K16 [18, 20, 22], M1, K1; rpt from * to end (3 rpts/markers per rnd)
Rnd 2: *K1, M1, K18 [20, 22, 24], M1, K1; rpt from * to end
Rnd 3: *K1, M1, K20 [22, 24, 26], M1, K1; rpt from * to end
Rnd 4: *K1, M1, K22 [24, 26, 28], M1, K1; rpt from * to end

Continue in this manner, increasing 6 sts per rnd until you have 138 [156, 174, 192] sts or until you run out of yarn (less increases and less sts will create less floppy jester points; more increases create more noticeable points)

To finish top:

Starting at the first point tip (either first marker or first pair of needle ends), either crochet bind-off, 3-needle bind-off or kitchener 23 [26, 29, 32] sts

from both needles together. Your first point is now complete. Move around to next marker or pair of needle ends and rpt. Finally, work the same on the final set of stitches.

Using waste yarn, sew down the remaining sts at the centre of the top. You may have 3 left or just one, depending on how you have worked the bind-off.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends. A gentle wash and blocking may be required to help the increase lines settle.

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