

Little Waves Baby Hat pattern

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Materials:

1 skein of Starbright Muse Fibers Elementary Worsted (218yds/100g per skein, 100% superwash merino wool)

Shown in color : Troposphere

OR

About 75(90,110) yards of light worsted weight yarn

US size 7, 12” circular needles and set of size 7 DPNs or needle for magic loop for decreasing the top of the hat.

OR

US size 7 circular needles, 32” or longer for magic loop method

[Your needle size may differ, make sure to get gauge!]

One stitch marker.

One of the following: a length of ribbon about 12” long, size G crochet hook for making a crochet chain, OR size 5 knitting needles for making an I cord.

Gauge:

20 stitches and 30 rows = 4” in stockinette stitch

Sizes: To fit preemie/newborn(infant/toddler, small child)

About 11(14.5, 18)” around, or 5.5(7.25,9)” when laid flat.

Directions:

Cast on 54(72,90) stitches, and join to work in the round. Place a maker to keep track of the beginning of the round.

Garter brim:

Round 1: k around.

Round 2: p around.

Round 3: k around.

Round 4: p around.

Proceed to Little Waves Pattern.

Little Waves pattern:

Rounds 1 +2: k around.

Round 3: *(k2tog) three times, (yo,k1) six times, (k2tog) three times* around.

Round 4: p around.

Work rounds 1-4 of Little Waves pattern 3(4,6) times total.

Now, knit all stitches around in every round until hat measures about 3.5(4, 5.25)” or desired length from cast on edge, when measured from shortest part of brim.

Decreases:

Round 1: *k7, k2tog* around. 48(64,80) sts remain.

Round 2 and all even rounds until round 14: k around

Round 3: *k6, k2tog* around. 42(56,70) sts remain.

Round 5: *k5, k2tog* around. 36(48,60) sts remain.

Round 7: *k4, k2tog* around. 30(40,50) sts remain.

Round 9: *k3, k2tog* around. 24(32,40) sts remain.

Round 11: *k2, k2tog* around. 18(24,30) sts remain.

Round 13: *k1, k2tog* around. 12(16, 20) sts remain

Round 14: *k2tog* around. 6(8,10) sts remain.

Cut a tail of yarn about 8” long, thread it through a yarn needle and run it through the remaining stitches. Cinch them in and gather the top of the hat. Weave in ends, and block if desired.

Finishing:

For a cute embellishment, you have the option to create an I cord, cut a length of coordinating ribbon, or crochet a chain about 12” long.

I recommend using size 5 needles (or two sizes below whatever you knit the hat in) to create the I cord, or a size G crochet hook for the crochet chain, so that the yarn is a bit denser.

Once you have the desired length of ribbon, i-cord, etc, weave it through one of the groups of 6 eyelet stitches closest to the brim of the hat. Leave the two tails of the cord/ribbon hanging outwards towards you, then tie them into a neat little bow!

