



Accidental Baby Hat

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This isn't the accidental baby hat because it was for an accidental baby, but rather because I didn't mean to knit a baby hat. Oh well. It looked great on my baby daughter!

Materials: 1 ball Paton's SWS (70% Wool - 30% Soy ; 110 yd/100 m per ball)
US size 8 DPN's (or size needed to match the gauge)
cable needle/hook/whatever floats your boat

Gauge: in 2x2 rib, 16 st=4" (vertical gauge is not as important in this hat, you can add or remove pattern repeats very easily to make the hat the depth you like)

Fits head circ. of 16.5"

List of abbreviations at end of pattern.

Stitch Pattern

(multiples of 8)

You need to start the stitch pattern round in the middle of a K2 set of the rib.

Rnd 1: *Move first 3 st to cable needle and hold in front, K next st on regular needle, move 2nd and 3rd st (the purl st) back off cable needle to regular needle and P both of these st, K the remaining st on the cable needle, K1, P2, K1* *Repeat from * to * to end of round.*

Rnds 2&3: K1, *P2, K2* *Repeat from * to * to end of round.*

Rnd 4: K1, *P2, K1, move next 3 st to cable needle and hold in front, K next st on regular needle, move 2nd and 3rd st (the purl st) back off regular needle to regular needle and P both of these st, K the remaining st on the cable needle, K1* *Repeat from * to * to end of round.*

Rnds 5&6: *K2, P2* *Repeat from * to * to end of round.*

Hat

CO 88st and join, being careful not to twist

Work in 2x2 rib for 3/4 of an inch

Next round: K1 and move this first st to the previous needle so you are now starting rounds in the middle of the K2 set of the rib. If you don't do this, you'll get a funny jog in the pattern later (*Do yourself a favor and mark the beginning of your round here. Trust me on this. I didn't do that. I kicked myself.*) *Move next 3 st to cable needle and hold in front, K next st on regular needle, move 2nd and 3rd st (the purl st) back off regular needle to regular needle and P both of these st, K the remaining st on the cable needle, K1, P2, K1* *Repeat from * to * to end of round.*

Work 4 more rounds of 2x2 rib

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Begin stitch pattern and work in stitch pattern until piece measures 4" long from beginning, ending with round 4 of pattern.

Begin Decreases

Rnd 1: *K1, P2tog, K2, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round. (77 st remaining)

Rnd 2: *K1, P1, K2, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 3: *Move next 2 st to cable needle and hold in front, K next st on regular needle, move 2nd st (the purl st) back off regular needle to regular needle and P this st, K the remaining st on the cable needle, K1, P2, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 4: *K1, P1, K2, P2tog, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round. (66 st remain)

Rnd 5: *K1, P1, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 6: *K1, P1, K1, move next 2 st to cable needle and hold in front, K next st on regular needle, move 2nd st (the purl st) back off regular needle to regular needle and P this st, K the remaining st on the cable needle, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 7: *K1, P1, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 8: K1, *P1, K2tog* Repeat from * to * to end of round, knitting the last st together with the first st of the next rnd. (44 st remain)

Rnd 9: *P1, K1* Repeat from * to * to end of round.

Rnd 10: *K2tog* Repeat from * to * to end of round. (22 st remain)

Rnd 11: Repeat Rnd 10 (11 st remain)

Cut off yarn, leaving tail of 6-8 inches (or whatever floats your boat. I'm not the one that has to deal with weaving in the ends.) With a yarn needle or crochet hook, thread the tail through the remaining stitches. Pull the top tight and fasten off. Weave in your ends. I personally hate pom poms. I hate to make them, I hate to wear them. I just hate them. But if you're a pom pom kind of person, have at it.

Abbreviations:

K.....knit

Rnd.....round

st.....stitch(es)

P.....purl

CO.....Cast on

p2tog.....purl 2 together

K2tog.....knit two together