

Tiny Baby Cap

Uses Bernat Softee Baby, or any very soft sport weight yarn. Wool not recommended if the hat is for a NICU. US #4 dpn's, crochet hook, tapestry needle.

PREEMIE: Cast on 60 st. Work 8 rounds of K1, P1. K one row. P 1 row, for decorative garter ridge. (This is optional. You can go straight from ribbing to the stockinette part.) Switch to stockinette (all K, in the round) and work until piece measures 3 inches. Place 5 markers evenly (12 sts apart) in next round.

Decrease round: Knit around, decreasing before and after each marker (10 sts removed)

Work 1 row in K

Repeat these two rounds until 10 sts remain.

K one more round. Cut yarn, leaving a 24" tail. Run yarn through the 10 stitches with tapestry needle and draw together. Secure well on inside of hat. Top loop (optional): Poke tail through center to outside of the hat. With a crochet needle, make a single chain, starting at hat, about 1½ in. long. Draw yarn tail back through the center of the cap and stitch the to the inside of the hat, to form a decorative loop.

SMALL PREEMIE: (2-3 lbs.) Use size #3 dpn's. Cast on 50 sts. Work in same manner, knitting the hat to measure 2¾ - 3 inches before starting decreases. Markers will be placed 10 sts apart.

SMALL BABY: Cast on 70 sts. Work in same manner, knitting the hat to measure 4 inches before starting decreases. Markers will be placed 14 sts apart. *Work 2 rounds after each decrease round.*

MEDIUM BABY: Cast on 80 sts. Work to depth of 4 ½ - 5 inches before starting decreases. Markers will be placed 16 sts apart. *Work 2 rounds after each decrease round.*

Cap can be made in any size. Be sure to cast on a multiple of 10. Use 5 evenly spaced markers for decreases, which form a nice star pattern at crown.

