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Rolled Brim Baby Hat with a Topknot



This cute little hat is quick and easy! You can whip one up in an evening and take it to a baby shower the next day! This little cap is knit **"in the round"**, with a rolled brim, a heart pattern knit around the cap (or any colorwork pattern that's a multiple of 2, 4, or 8 stitches will work), and an I-cord 'topknot'.

This should fit a baby from 0-6 months, but I didn't have a baby head to try it on. When I block my hats, I blow up a balloon to what I seem to remember is a baby size head.

Here's what you'll need:

1 skein worsted wt. yarn (I used Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted oddballs; 1/2 skein of the MC), plus small amount of contrasting color for the hearts

Size 7 double point and 16" size 7 circular needles (I worked most of the hat on a #7 16" circular needle, then switched to the dps when I got to the decrease section).

1 stitch marker.

Gauge: 4 sts=1" on #7 needles (this would give you an 18" circumference)

Using #7 circular needles, Cast on 72 sts in main color. Place your marker at beginning of round.
Working in the round, and knitting every round,
knit 20 rounds. Your brim should be rolling up as you work. Work heart design
in contrasting color:

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								5
								4
								3
								2
								1
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

Start at bottom of chart and work over 8 stitches & repeat around Here are written instructions:

Row 1: *k3 MC, k1 CC, k4 MC, repeat from * around.

Row 2: *k2 MC, k3 CC, k3 MC, repeat from * around.

Row 3: *k1 MC, k5 CC, k2 MC, repeat from * around.

Row 4: *k7 CC, k1 MC, repeat from * around.

Row 5: *k3 CC, k1 MC, repeat from * around.

Row 6: *k1 MC, k1 CC, k3 MC, k1 CC, k2 MC; repeat from * around.

Christmas Tree Motif!

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										6
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										1
10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	

This is a 7 stitch repeat, as is the heart motif, so either can be used without having to make any changes in stitch count. Here are written instructions:

Row 1-3: *K3 MC, K1 brown, k4 MC, rep from * around

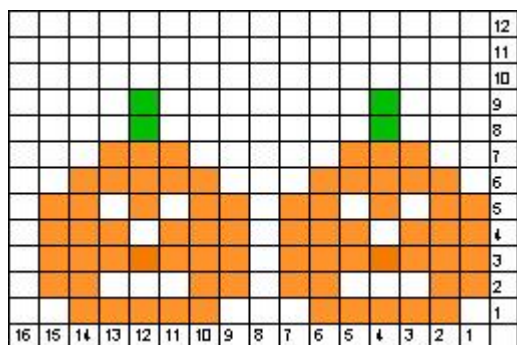
Row 4: *K7 Green, K1 MC, rep from * around

Row 5: *K1 MC, K5 Green, K2 MC, rep from * around

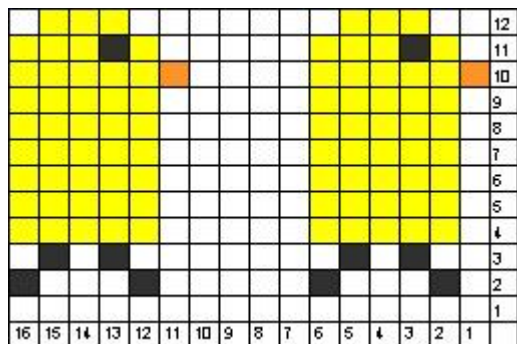
Row 6: *K2 MC, K3 Green, K3 MC, rep from * around

Row 7: *K3 MC, K1 Green, K4 MC, rep from * around

Pumpkin Motif.



NEW! Chick Motif



NOTE: I haven't tried either the Pumpkin or the chick yet, so I can't tell you how they'll actually look! I'll try to knit up samples as soon as I can.

Continue in MC until hat measures about 4 1/2" from the bottom of the rolled brim (in other words, DON'T unroll the brim to measure!), then begin decreasing:

1st dec row: k6, k2tog, repeat around

2nd dec row: k5, k2tog, repeat around

3rd dec row: k4, k2tog, repeat around

4th dec row: k3, k2tog, repeat around

5th dec row: k2, k2tog, repeat around

6th dec row: k1, k2tog, repeat around

7th dec row: k2 tog, repeat around

You should have 9 sts on 3 needles. Work around on these sts for 3 1/2".

Bind off. Tie the long "stem" into a knot. Weave in loose ends. Find a baby to adorn!

I have successfully used worsted weight wools (Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride is my favorite) , La Gran mohair, handspun angora (so soft for some lucky baby!) and a good quality chenille for my hats, and all turned out great. If you do use a thicker yarn, you might need to make your "stem" longer, as it can be difficult to tie the knot if the yarn isn't as stretchy. Also, the mohair and the chenille made a larger hat.

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New!~ 'Pithy' instructions for making the hat in larger sizes!

What you need to do is get the head measurement for each child. Let's say the one year old has a 25" head. And let's say you are knitting with a worsted weight yarn, gauge is 4 sts=1".

$25 \times 4 = 100$ STS. You'll need to subtract some of these stitches so the hat fits properly (if you knit it the exact same size as the head, it will be too big!) I usually figure about 20% of the stitches is the right amount to subtract; in this example, that's -20 stitches. So you will cast on 80 stitches and work as the original pattern instructions describe. You'll need to make the hat 'deeper' or longer before you start the decreases; here's a link to a site with the average heights and circumferences for children's head sizes:

<http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/head-sizes.html#hat>

Decreasing and finishing would be the same.

Preemie Version!

Colleen Kadleck has generously donated a 'preemie' version of the roll brim hat, Roll Brim Hat with Topknot for Preemies and Newborns

Preemie version

Materials Needed: sport weight or dk weight yarn
Size 7 double pointed needles

Cast on 48 sts, distribute among 3 needles (16 sts on each), join, careful not to twist stitches. Mark beginning of round or use tail from cast on as starting marker.

Knit all stitches until knitting measures 5 inches (I unroll the brim to measure this part).
Start decreases:

Round 1: *K6, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 2: *K5, K2 tog, repeat around

Round 3: *K4, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 4: *K3, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 5: *K2, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 6: *K1, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 7: K2 tog repeat around

You should have 6 stitches left. Knit around on these stitches for about 3 ½ inches. Bind off the stitches, weave in ends & tie the top tube in a knot.

Newborn Version

Materials: worsted weight yarn
10 ½ double pointed needles

Cast on 36 sts, distribute among 3 needles (12 sts on each), join, careful not to twist stitches. Mark beginning of round or use tail from cast on as starting marker.

Knit all stitches until knitting measures 4 ½-5 inches (I unroll the brim to measure this part).

Start decreases:

Round 1: *K4, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 2: *K3, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 3: *K2, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 4: *K1, K2 tog, repeat around
Round 5: K2 tog repeat around

You should have 6 stitches left. Knit around on these stitches for about 3 ½ inches. Bind off the stitches, weave in ends & tie the top tube in a knot.

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