

Cat-eared Baby Hat

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Project Requirements

- Yarn* Rowan 4ply Cotton, color #120 (Orchid), 1 skein.
Needles Size 1 (2.25 mm) and 2 Size 2 (2.75 mm) 16" circular needles.
Notions Sewing needle, 1 small button, and stitch marker.
Gauge 29 sts and 39 rows = 4" (10 cm) with Size 2 needles.

Pattern Description

This is a very basic hat, knit mostly in-the-round, with a seed stitch hem and cat ears added for cuteness.

The seed stitch hem is knitted back and forth on the smaller needles for 7 rows, with a button-hole placed in the 4th row. The button tab is created with stitches bound off at the beginning of the 8th row. The remaining stitches are joined for knitting in-the-round in stockinette stitch for about 4 inches before decreasing for the crown of the hat.

Stitches for the ears are picked up along the decrease seams. The base of the ears are 11 stitches wide. The stitches for the left ear are picked up from the top-down (counting 11 rows from the bottom of the decrease seam) along the 3rd decrease seam. The stitches for the right ear are picked up from the bottom-up along the 7th decrease seam. (The decrease seams are counted from the beginning of the round.)

Finished Size About 13.5" (34 cm) around, best fit for 0-3 months.

Notes

The project's hem and optional ears use seed stitch.

Stitch Guide

Seed stitch over an odd number of stitches, knit all rows in the following pattern: *K1, p1; rep from * to last st; k1.

Instructions

Hat

With the smaller needles, CO 103 sts. Do not join; The first 7 rows are worked flat.

Rnd 1-3 Beginning on the WS with Rnd 1, knit in seed stitch pattern.

Rnd 4 (RS) K1, p1, k1, yo, p2tog, continue in established pattern to end.

Rnd 5-6 Knit in established seed st pattern.

Rnd 8 (RS) BO 7 sts. Divide remaining 96 sts between two larger-sized circular needles. Knit all sts.¹ PM and join for knitting in-the-round.

Knit even in stockinette stitch for 30 rows or until hat measures approximately 4" (10 cm) from the cast-on edge.

Rnd 31 *k10, k2tog; rep from * to end. (88 sts)

Rnd 32 and all even rnds k to end.

Rnd 33 *k9, k2tog; rep from * to end. (80 sts)

Rnd 35 *k8, k2tog; rep from * to end. (72 sts)

Rnd 37 *k7, k2tog; rep from * to end. (64 sts)

Rnd 39 *k6, k2tog; rep from * to end. (56 sts)

Rnd 41 *k5, k2tog; rep from * to end. (48 sts)

Rnd 43 *k4, k2tog; rep from * to end. (40 sts)

Rnd 44 *k3, k2tog; rep from * to end. (32 sts)

Rnd 45 *k2, k2tog; rep from * to end. (24 sts)

Rnd 46 *k1, k2tog; rep from * to end. (16 sts)

Rnd 47 *k2tog; rep from * to end. (8 sts)

Cut the working yarn, leaving at least 6 inches for finishing. Using a sewing needle and the working tail, insert the yarn knitwise into all sts. Pull the tail to gather the sts together. Weave in the tail inside the hat.

Left Ear

Using the smaller needles and the pattern description and cover photo guides, pick up 11 sts along the 3rd decrease seam, downwards from the 11th row. Beginning with the WS:

Rnd 1-3 knit in seed st pattern to end. (11 sts)

Rnd 4 (RS) ssk, seed st pattern to last 2 sts, k2tog. (9 sts)

Rnd 5 and all WS rows knit in established seed st pattern.

¹The first stitch was already knitted, with the BO.

Rnd 6, 8, 10 (RS) as Row 4.
Rnd 12 (RS) k3tog.

Right Ear



Back view of Right Ear. Stitches for ears are picked up along decrease seams.

Using the smaller needles and the pattern description and cover photo guides, pick up 11 sts along the 7th decrease seam, upwards from the 1st row. Beginning with the WS, continue as for the Left Ear.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends. Sew on small button, with button-hole as a guide. Block lightly.