



Kit's
Crafts

Bear Hat



Bear Hat

This hat is knitted from the bottom up, starting with the ear flaps. The braid attached to the ear flaps is an 8-stranded square braid. This hat is for a newborn (3-6 months) (6-12 months). If you would like a different size, adjust your needles and/or your yard.

Gauge:

10 rows is 2", 6.5 STS is 2"

Materials:

Size 10 Double Point Needles (DPNs) and Circular Needles

1 skein of Bernat Softee Chunky in Dark Taupe

1 skein of Lion Brand Baby's First in Fairy Tale

Size J Crochet Hook

Yarn Needle

Abbreviations:

MC = Main Color

CC = Contrast Color

CO = Cast On

K = Knit

M1A = Make 1 Away

STS = Stitches

PM = Place Marker

K2Tog = Knit 2 Together

SC = Single Crochet

SL = Slip Stitch

Ear Flaps:

Using the circular needles, with MC, CO 3 STS

Row 1: K1, P to 1 before end, K1

Row 2: K1, M1A, K to 1 before end, M1A, K1

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until there are 15 STS (17 STS) (19 STS).

Repeat Row 1 once more. Cut yarn. Push the ear flap out of the way of the needles and hold on the circular part.

For the second ear flap, repeat the same process as for the first, but don't cut the yarn.

Hat Body:

Turn and K across the 2nd ear flap. Using a Cable CO, loosely CO 13 STS (13 STS) (15 STS), K across the 1st ear flap. Again, using the Cable CO, loosely CO 3 STS (3 STS) (3 STS), PM. Total: 44 STS (52 STS) (56 STS)

Being careful not to twist, connect for knitting in the round. Knit until the hat reaches 5" (5.5") (6") and switch to double point needles for the decreases.

Decreases for all sizes:

Round 1: *K2, K2Tog, K2 repeat from * around (40 STS)

Round 2 and 4: K around

Round 3: *K1, K2Tog, repeat from * around

Round 5: K2Tog around

Cut a 6" tail and using the yarn needle, thread through the remaining STS and pull tight to close up the hole then go through the top of the hat and tie a knot inside of the hat. Weave in loose ends.

Finishing:

SC around the edge of the hat with MC. Weave in ends. Using CC, SL around the base of the SCs just made.

Weave in ends. Using MC, make 4 long strands for the braids (I usually just do the length between my hands outstretched). Fold in half and using the crochet hook, pull about an inch of the middle of the strands through the middle of the ear flap, then pull the ends through the loop just made. Cut the ends to about 3" past how long you want the braid to go, then do the square braid and tie a knot at the end. Trim up the ends if necessary.

Braid:

I got the pattern for the bow from Cornflower Blue. I did number 2, but I only cast on 11.