

Mock Cable Baby Hat

This is a beautiful hat that will often be mistaken for a cabled pattern, though it is accomplished by using simple stitches we use all the time.

Size:

Newborn to 3 months

Gauge:

18 sts=4" over pattern st with larger needles

Materials:

Size 6 US (4 mm) straight needles

Size 8 US (5 mm) straight needles

OR...circular needles, if you prefer knitting in the round

Worsted weight yarn, such as Caron's Simply

Soft...about 1/2 a skein



Instructions:

Using smaller needles, CO 72 sts.

Row 1: P2 *K3, P2; rep from * to end of row

Row 2: K2, *P3, K2; rep from * to end of row

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until work measures 2 inches, ending with Row 2 completed.

On larger needles:

Row 1: P2, *sl 1, K2, pss0, P2; rep from * to end of row

Row 2: K2, *P1, yo, P1, K2; rep from * to end of row

Row 3: *P2, K3; rep from *, end P2

Row 4: *K2, P3; rep from *, end K2

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 until work measures 7-7½ inches, ending with Row 1 completed.

Decrease Crown:

Row 1 (WS): *K2, P2; rep from * to end of row

Row 2: *P2tog, K2tog; rep from * to end of row

Row 3: *K1, P1; rep from *, end K1

Row 4: *K2tog; rep from *, end K1

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: *K2 tog; rep from * to end of row

Cut yarn, leaving long tail. Thread through tapestry needle and pull through rem sts on needle; draw together. Sew seam. Add pom-pom, if desired.