

Checked Mates Hat

needed:

♥ double point or circular needles in the following sizes:
3.5mm (us 4) and 4.25mm (us 6)

♥ DK yarn in the following quantities:

preemie small/medium:

MC: 30 yards/CC: 18 yards

preemie large:

MC: 45 yards/CC: 28 yards

newborn:

MC: 60 yards/CC: 42 yards

gauge: 17 st/ 22 r = 3" in stockinette w/larger needles

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

MC: main color

CC: contrasting color

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together as one

rt: right twist. knit 2nd stitch on left hand needle through the front loop. leave on the needle and knit the first stitch as usual. slip both stitches off needle.

instructions:

ribbing:

with smaller needles and MC, c/o 65 (77/89). join into a circle, being careful not to twist.

row 1: right side of work. p1. (k1, p1) 3 times. *RT 3 times. (p1, k1) 3 times. p1. repeat from * across.

row 2: knit the knit stitches, purl the purl stitches

row 3: (p1, k1) 4 times. *RT 2 times. k1, p1 4 times. repeat from * across.

row 4: knit the knit stitches, purl the purl stitches

repeat rows 1 - 4 twice.

change to larger needles and knit around, decrease using a k2tog 1(1/5) stitches evenly. 64 (76/84) stitches

crown:

♥ 5 rounds: *with MC p4, with CC k4. repeat from * around. end p4.

♥ 4 rounds: knit around.

repeat these two steps once (twice for newborn size)



yarn used in photo: Plymouth Dreambaby/DK Sirdar Snuggly Tiny Tots/DK



yarn used in photo: Wendy Peter Pan (DK 55% nylon/45% acrylic)

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decreases:

♥ *with MC, p2tog, p2. with CC, k4. repeat from * around. end p2 tog, p2.

♥ *with MC, p2tog, p1. with CC, k4. repeat from * around. end p2 tog, p1.

♥ *with MC, p2tog. with CC, k4. repeat from * around. end p2 tog. clip MC.

♥ *with CC, k2tog, k3. repeat from * around.

♥ *k2tog, k2. repeat from * around.

♥ *k2tog, k. repeat from * around.

♥ *k2tog. repeat from * around.

finishing:

♥ clip CC leaving 6" tail. draw tail through loops

♥ tie off. weave in ends.

alternate ruffled cast on:

extra yardage needed not included in estimates

with smaller needles and MC, c/o 128 (152/168). join into a circle, being careful not to twist.

♥ knit around

♥ k1, p1 around

repeat these two steps

♥ k2tog around

♥ knit around

continue in pattern as written, beginning with crown and using larger needles.

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