

Christmas Tree Hat & Elfin Sox

sized for med preemie & large preemie. hat also sized for newborn.

materials & gauge:

needed:

 hat: size 3.5mm (US 4) double-point or circular needles
50 yds DK yarn - dark green
small amounts of red and yellow DK/sport-weight yarn
gauge: 17 st/20 r = 2"

 sox: 2.75 mm (US 2) double-point or circular needles
crochet hook, size E
MC (dark green): 40 yds DK yarn; C1 (white): 15 yds DK yarn
a few yards DK yarn - red
gauge: 18 st/21 r = 2"

all yarn requirements are approximate

hat instructions:

place a stitch marker at the beginning of the first rnd.

cast on 60 (66, 72) sts and join, being careful not to twist.

1-15 (18, 20): k around.

16 (19, 21): p around.

17 (20, 22): p around.

5 rnds: k around.

23 (26, 28): * k 8 (9, 10), k2tog. repeat from *.

2 rnds: p around.

26 (29, 31): * k 7 (8, 9), k2tog around. repeat from *.

4 rnds: k around.

31 (34, 36): * k 6 (7, 8), k2tog around. repeat from *.

2 rnds: p around.

34 (37, 39): * k 5 (6, 7), k2tog around. repeat from *.

3 rnds: k around

38 (41, 43): * k 4 (5, 6), k2tog around. repeat from *.

2 rnds: p around.

41 (44, 46): * k 3 (4, 5), k2tog around. repeat from *.

2 rnds: k around.

2 rnds: p around.

46 (49, 51): * k 2 (3, 4), k2tog around. repeat from *.

2 rnds: p around.

49 (52, 54): * p 1 (2, 3), p2tog around. repeat from *.

LG PREMIE/NEWBORN ONLY: * p 1 (2) p2tog. repeat from * around

finishing:

cut 6" tail and thread through remaining loops. pull tight, knot and weave through inside of sts to secure. clip.

weave in end from cast on sts and clip.

decorations:

thread tapestry needle with red yarn and satin stitch over 2 knit sts 3 times to create ornaments.

create a pom pom with yellow yarn and sew securely to top of "tree".

sox instructions:

with CC cast on 12 (16) sts (6 (8) on each of two dpns).

EASY CLOSED END CAST ON: hold 2 ndls parallel to each other. use a Simple Cast on, placing one st on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

1: k around. first rnd only, split sts onto 3 ndls 6/3/3 (8/4/4)

2: ndl 1: k1, incr 1, k to last st, incr 1, k1

ndl 2: (sole): k1, incr 1, k across

ndl 3: k to last st, incr 1, k1

repeat rnds 1 & 2 until there are a total of 24 (32) sts on the ndls –

ndl 1: 12 (16) ndl 2: 6 (8) ndl 3: 6 (8)

3: with MC, k around until 2" (2½") from tip of toe, or to desired length minus ½" for heel.

short row heel

1: k across ndl 1. with CC, k across ndls 2 & 3 to last st. bring yarn to front as if to purl, then slip st. (1 wrap created – on purl rows, take yarn to back as if to knit before slipping st). turn.

(remainder of heel will be worked on sole ndls only)

2: slip just-wrapped stitch. p across to last st. W&T.

3: slip just-wrapped stitch. k next 9 (13) sts. W&T.

4: slip just-wrapped stitch. p next 8 (12) sts. W&T.

continue in progression, working one less k or p st on each turn, until 6 (8) sts remain unwrapped in the center

heel turning:

1: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 6 (8), W&T (wrapped st will have 2 wraps)

2: slip just-wrapped stitch. p 6 (8), W&T, turn.

3: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 7 (9), W&T, turn.

4: slip just-wrapped stitch. k 8 (10), W&T, turn
continue in progression, working one more k or p each turn, until all heel sts have been worked.

redistribute sts –

ndl 1: 8 (10) ndl 2: 8 (12) ndl 3: 8 (10)

leg:

work in stockinette for 7 (10) rnds, or until leg is desired length minus 1".

newborn only: decrease 2 st evenly on last rnd (30 sts - 10 sts each ndl)

points & finishing:

ndl 1:

row 1: k 1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1

row 2: purl across

work rows 1 & 2 until 4 sts remain.

• k 1, ssk, k1

• p3tog. clip yarn, pull through remaining st and tie off.

repeat above steps for each remaining needle.

join C2 between two points and sc in each st around top of sock, working 2 sc, ch1, 1 sc in each point. tie off. weave in all ends.

techniques & abbreviations:

CC: contrasting color

MC: main color

dpns : double point needles

incr : make a new stitch using an Simple Cast On (backwards "e" or thumb cast on)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

ndl(s): needle(s)

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together as one

p3tog: purl 3 stitches together as one

rnd(s): round(s)

sl X: slip X stitch(es), purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted

ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops

st(s): stitch(es)

W&T: wrap & turn

using Circulars instead of Double Points

place the sts from Double Point 1 onto Circular 1, then sts from Double Points 2 and 3 onto Circular 2.

yarn used in photo: Plymouth Dreambaby



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