Slip Stitch Preemie Hat & Tiny Toe Up Sockies

materials & gauge:

♡ **hat** (small, med & large preemie)
needles – 3.5 mm (US 4) and 3.75 mm (US 5)
70 yds DK yarn (20 yds CC, if using)
gauge: 4” = 22 st/30 r in stockinette with smaller needles

♡ **sockies** (small & med preemie, newborn)
2.75 mm (US 2) double-point or circular needles
50 yds DK yarn (15 yds CC, if using)
gauge: 18 st/21 r = 2”

all yarn requirements are approximate
yarn used in samples:
Bernat Satin Sport - taupe & seashore

hats!

circular/double-point instructions

using smaller needles, cast on 54 (63, 72). split evenly among needles and join, being careful not to twist.

k1, p1. *k2, p1. repeat from * around. end k1. repeat until ribbing is 1” (1 1/4”, 1 1/2”)

crown:

1 - 5: k around.
6 & 7: with larger needles, k1, sl 1. *k2, sl1. repeat from * around. end k1.
9-12: with smaller needles, k around.

repeat steps 6 - 12 until crown is 3”, 3 ½”, 4” from cast-on edge.

OPTIONAL: USE CONTRASTING COLOR FOR RNDS 6 & 7.

decreases:

1: *skp, k7 repeat from * around.
2: *skp, k6 repeat from * around.
3: *skp, k5 repeat from * around.

continue in progression, working one less st between decreases, until 12 (14, 16) sts remain.

finishing:

♡ cut 6” tail and thread through remaining loops.

♡ pull tight, knot, and weave through inside of sts to secure. clip.

♡ weave in cast-on end and clip.

2-needle instructions

using smaller needles, cast on 55 (64, 73)

1: (RS) *k2, p1. repeat from * around. end k1.
2: p1, k1. *p2, k1. repeat from * around. end p2.

repeat until ribbing is 1” (1 1/4”, 1 1/2”). end having completed a RS row.

crown:

1 - 5: work in stockinette (k RS rows, p WS rows)
6: with larger needles, *k2, sl1. repeat from * across. end k1.
7: p1. sl1 WIF. *p2, sl1 WIF. repeat from * across. end k2.
9-12: with smaller needles, work in stockinette.

repeat these steps until crown is 3”, 3½”, 4” from cast-on edge. end having completed a WS row.

OPTIONAL: USE CONTRASTING COLOR FOR ROWS 6 & 7.

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decreases:

rnd 1: *skp, k7 repeat from * across. end k1.
rnd 2: p1. *k6, spp. repeat from * across.
rnd 3: *skp, k5 repeat from * around. end k1.

continue in progression, working one less st between decreases, until 13 (15, 17) sts remain.

finishing:

♡ cut 12” tail and thread through remaining loops. pull tight and knot, then use tail to sew side seam. weave in end and clip.

♡ weave in cast-on end and clip.

sockies!

double-point instructions – see "techniques & abbreviations" for circular conversion

using your favourite toe-up cast on, create 12 (12, 16) sts (6, 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 (6/3/3 , 8/4/4)
2: ndl 1 – (instep) 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 20 (24, 28) sts on the ndls –
ndl 1: 10 (12, 14)   ndl 2 &: 5 (6, 7) each
3: k around until 2” (2½”, 3”) from tip of toe, or to desired length minus ½” for heel.

semi-wrapped heel

(worked over half the total stitches):

row 1: knit across heel stitches. turn.
row 2: WIB sl1, purl to last st. k1. turn.
row 3: WIB sl1, k8(10,12). turn
row 4: WIB sl1, p6(8,10), k1. turn
row 5: WIB sl1, k6(8,10). turn
row 6: WIB sl1, p4(6,8). k1. turn
row 7: WIB sl1, k0(6,8). turn
row 8: WIB sl1, p0(4,6), k1. turn

the heel at a glance: 3(4,4) st that look like purl bumps, 4(4,6) st that look like stockinette, and 3(4,4) st that look like purl bumps

turning the heel:

row 1: WIB sl1. k5(5,7). insert the tip of the LH needle into the purl bump at the edge of the RH prev row and k2tog TBL with next st. turn.
row 2: WIF sl1. p6(6,8). insert the tip of the LH needle into the purl bump at the edge of the RH prev row and p2tog with next st. turn.
row 3: WIB sl1, k7(7,9). pick up purl bump as before (this one, and all the rest, will be 2 rows down) and k2tog TBL . turn.
row 4: WIF sl1, p8(8,10). pick up purl bump and p2tog. turn.
row 5: WIB sl1, k9(9,11). pick up purl bump and k2tog TBL. turn.
row 6: WIF sl1, p0(10,12). pick up purl bump and p2tog (last heel st). turn.

finishing heel round:

WIB sl1. k9(11,13). pick up bar between last st and first instep st and place on LH needle to make an M1 (but do not knit yet). Pick up the purl bump from the last st on the round (now 2 rows below) and place on LH needle. k2tog TBL.

♡ knit across instep st.

♡ with RH needle, pick up bar between last instep st and first heel st to make an M1 (but do not knit yet). Pick up the purl bump from the first heel st on the round (now 2 rows below) and place on RH needle. ssk.

♡ knit across heel st. (26/34 st)

At this point, two st have been added to the original st count. For some patterns, it's not a significant change. I

If your pattern requires the original number of st, work this adjustment round before continuing in pattern:

♡ knit across instep st. k2tog, k10(14), ssk. k to end of round. (24/32 st)

leg & finishing:

♡ working on all needles again, k 6 (8,10) rounds.

♡ k around increasing/decreasing +1 (0, -1) sts
   21 (24, 27) sts

1 & 2: with larger needles, k1, sl 1. *k2, sl1. repeat from * around. end k1.

3-6: with smaller needles, k around.

repeat steps 1 - 6 (8,10) twice, or to desired length.

OPTIONAL: USE CONTRASTING COLOR FOR RNDS 1 & 2.

bind off loosely and weave in ends.