

# Slip Stitch Preemie Hat

(for 2 needles or dpns)

sized for a small preemie --  
(med, large preemie) in parenthesis.

## Materials:

Needles, size 3.5 mm (US 4) and 3.75 mm (US 5)  
approx 1/2 ounce sports weight/baby yarn  
(gauge: 4" = 22 st/30 r using 3.75mm (US 5) needles)

abbreviations:

*k*: knit

*k2tog*: knit 2 stitches together (a right-leaning decrease)

*p*: purl

*p2tog*: purl 2 stitches together (a decrease)

*pssso*: pass slipped stitch over

*sl1*: slip one stitch knitwise with yarn in back

*yo*: yarn over



yarn used in picture: Bernat Baby Softie

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## double-point instructions

using smaller needles, cast on 56 (64, 72) and split among 3 dpns  
(be careful not to twist)

rows 1 - 8: k1, p1 around

*change to larger needles*

rows 9 - 14: knit

rows 15 - 17: k1, sl1 across

rows 18 - 20: knit

rows 21 - 23: k1, sl1 across

rows 24 - 31: knit (med and large sizes, knit (2, 4) additional rows, or until hat is 1" less than desired, finished size)

*decreases:*

row 1: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k5 (6/7) repeat from \* to end

row 2: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k4 (5/6) repeat from \* to end

row 3: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k3 (4/5) repeat from \* to end

row 4: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k2 (3/4) repeat from \* to end

row 5: (med/lg only) \*sl1, k1, pssso, k(2/3) repeat from \* to end

row 6: (lg only) \*sl1, k1, pssso, k2 repeat from \* to end

last row, all sizes: \*sl1, k1, pssso, sl1, p1 -- repeat from \* to end. 8 stitches remain

*finishing:*

Cut 6" tail and thread through loops

Pull tight, weave through inside to secure. Clip.

Weave in end from cast on stitches and clip.

## 2-needle instructions

using smaller needles, cast on 56 (64, 72)

rows 1, 3, 5, 7: k1, p1 across

rows 2, 4, 6, 8: p1, k1 across

*change to larger needles*

rows 9 - 14: work in stockinette, end w/purl row

rows 15: k1, sl1 across

row 16: p1, sl1 across

row 17: k1, sl1 across

rows 18 - 20: work in stockinette, end w/purl row

rows 21: k1, sl1 across

row 22: p1, sl1 across

row 23: k1, sl1 across

rows 24 - 31: work in stockinette (med and large sizes, knit (2, 4) additional rows, or until hat is 1" less than desired, finished size), end w/purl row

*decreases:*

row 1: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k5 (6/7) repeat from \* to end

row 2: \*sl1, p1, pssso, p4 (5/6) repeat from \* to end

row 3: \*sl1, k1, pssso, k3 (4/5) repeat from \* to end

row 4: \*sl1, p1, pssso, p2 (3/4) repeat from \* to end

row 5: (med/lg only) \*sl1, k1, pssso, k(2/3) repeat from \* to end

row 6: (lg only) \*sl1, p1, pssso, p2 repeat from \* to end

8 stitches remain

*finishing:*

Cut 15" tail and thread through loops. fold hat in half and weave closed down side. Clip.

Weave in end from cast on stitches and clip.

## alternate ideas:

**Like more color?** Cast on using alternating stitches with a contrasting yarn. Knit rows 15 - 17 and 21 - 23 with a contrasting color yarn. A slightly lighter weight works fabulously.

**bow topper** - After completing all decreases, knit 2 stitches, cast off 2 stitches, knit 2 stitches, cast off 2 stitches.

Working each set of 2 stitches independently, knit in stockinette until 1 1/2 - 2" long.

Cut 6" tail and thread through both loops. Pull tight, knot, and weave end into strip.

Tie 2 strips into a little bow. You might want to tack with thread or yarn to ensure it stays tied.