

# "Down by the Seashore" Preemie Hat

a pattern dedicated to SimpleGifts2 and the preemies they support

sized for a small preemie -- (med, large preemie) in parenthesis.  
easy to alter, requires a multiple of 9 stitches

## Needed:

Needles, size 3.5 mm (US 4)

MC (aqua): approx 1/4 ounce sports weight/baby yarn

CC1 (pale green): approx 1/4 ounce sports weight/baby yarn

CC2 (white): approx 1/4 ounce sports weight/baby yarn

*these colors were selected to create the look of waves  
on the New Jersey shore*

(gauge: 12 st/17 r = 2" in stitch pattern)

## abbreviations:

**k:** knit

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

**m1:** insert right needle from front to back under the horizontal bar that is between the next two stitches on the row below and knit one stitch.

**p:** purl

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

**yo:** yarn over

yarn used in picture: Bernat Baby Softee (pale green/white)  
Red Heart Baby Sport (aqua)



## instructions:

### ribbing (puffy rib):

with MC cast on 54 (63, 72) and split among 3 dpns (be careful not to twist)

♥ p1, \*k1, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

♥ p1, \*yo, k1, yo, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

♥ p1, \*k3, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

♥ p1, \*k3, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

♥ p1, \*k3tog, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

♥ p1, \*k1, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1

### crown

♥ complete stitch pattern 3 times (or until desired crown depth is reached)

### decreases

(1st 2 rows MC, 2nd 2 rows CC1, remaining rows CC2):

♥ \*p7, p2tog, repeat from \* to end

♥ \*p6, p2tog, repeat from \* to end

♥ \*p5, p2tog, repeat from \* to end

continue working decreases until 7 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.

## stitch pattern:

♥ knit around

♥ (k1, m1) 3 times, p2tog 3 times - repeat around

♥ with CC1, knit around

♥ knit around

♥ with CC2, purl around

♥ knit around

♥ p2tog 3 times, (k1, m1) 3 times - repeat around

♥ with CC1, knit around

♥ knit around

♥ with CC2, purl around