

Swirly Stripes Hat

sizes: small preemie, medium preemie, newborn
medium and newborn are reflected in parenthesis

needed:

double point needles 2.75 & 3.5 mm (US 2 & 4)

MC: 1 ounce dk yarn

CC: 6 6-ft lengths of DK yarn

gauge: 12 st/18 r = 2" with larger needles

abbreviations:

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

p: purl

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

sl 1: slip one stitch knitwise

yarn used in picture: BRed Heart Soft Baby (green)/Bernat Baby Softee (blue)



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instructions:

with smaller needles and CC, cast on 60 (66/72) and join.
divide stitches equally among needles.

beaded ribbing:

♥ k1, p1 around

♥ k3, p3 around

repeat these two rows 4 (5/6) times (10/12/14 rows)

crown:

♥ change to larger needles and MC. k9, attach one length of CC and k1. repeat around. Be sure to twist MC and CC when changing colors on the twist row, to avoid gaps. Starting point will rotate round foot due to the RT stitch.

♥ k9(10/11), sl1 around. (slipped stitch will be the CC stitch)

♥ k8(9/10), RT around

♥ k8(9/10), sl 1. *k9(10/11), sl1 around.

repeat these previous two rounds until 20 (25/30) total rounds have been completed, excluding ribbing.

decreases:

♥ *k8(9/10), k2 tog with CC - repeat from * to end

♥ *k7(8/9), k2 tog with CC - repeat from * to end

continue in progression, working one less stitch between the k2tog's on each row.

Last row worked should be *k1, k2 tog with CC - repeat from * to end

finishing:

♥ clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail. draw tail through loops. tighten and tie off tail. weave in all ends.

♥ **to create braids**, pull excess from CC strands through the center first. cut 6 12" lengths of MC and pull through top so half is on each side of center. use 2 MC and 1 CC strand to create 1" - 1 1/2" long braids. knot ends and cut excess.