Twist & Twirl Hat

sock-weight version:
medium (large) preemie
adjustments for larger size is indicated in parenthesis
straight needles 3.75 mm (US 5), double point needles 3.5 mm (US 4)
MC: 1/2 oz, CC: 5 yds
gauge: 13 st/17 r = 2” in twirl pattern

DK version:
(newborn)
straight needles 4.25 mm (US 6)
double point needles 3.75 mm (US 5)
MC: 3/4 ounce, CC: 10 yds
gauge:11 st/15 r = 2” in twirl pattern

many thanks to Barbara Burns for editing the decrease section!

instructions:

border:
*knit 3 (3). before knitting next stitch take left needle
and rotate it forward and around back, making a full twist in the
work. *knit next stitch. one twist completed. knit 5 (6). twist.
repeat from * across, ending with knit 2 (3). This is the right side
of the hat. NOTE: IF YOU ARE LEFT HANDED , THE “TWISTING NEEDLE” SHOULD
BE THE RIGHT NEEDLE.

*clip cc, leaving an 8” tail. transfer stitches to double point nee-
dles and join to form a circle. the rest of the hat is knit in the
round.

ronds 2/3: k9, p2 around
ronds 4/5: p1, *k9, p2. repeat from * around. end with p1.

twist row: knit 3 (3). before knitting next stitch take left needle
and rotate it forward and around back, making a full twist in the
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ronds 2/3: k9, p2 around
ronds 4/5: p1, *k9, p2. repeat from * around. end with p1.

ronds 6/7: p2, k9 around
ronds 8/9: k1, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k8.

ronds 10/11: k2, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k7.


ronds 14/15: k4, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k5.

ronds 16/17: k5, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k4.

ronds 18/19: k6, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k3.

ronds 20/21: k7, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k2.

ronds 22/23: k8, *p2, k9. repeat from * around. end with k1.

ronds 24/25: k9, p2 around

decreases:
EDITORS NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT TO MOVE THE FIRST P STITCH TO THE 3RD NEEDLE
EVERY 2ND ROUND - THIS WILL ALLOW FOR THE DECREASES AND KEEPS THE PAT-
TERN CONSISTENT.

rond 26: *p1, k8, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 27: *p1, k7, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 28: *p1, k6, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 29: *p1, k5, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 30: *p1, k4, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 31: *p1, k3, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from * around.

rond 32: *p1, k2, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from* around.

rond 33: *p1, k1, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from* around

rond 34: *p1, k0, sl1 p1 psso. repeat from* around

makiing a loopy topper:

Use a US E (F) hook. Leaving a 6” tail before you create the
slip knot, ch 15 - 20 (depending on the size of the finished
hat and weight of the yarn).

slip stitch into the slip knot at the other end to make 1
loop. Repeat 3 or 4 more times create a “base”.

ch 12 - 15 (a little smaller than the first batch) and chain
in the center on top of the “base” -- usually in the bottom
of one of the original loops. Repeat 4 or 5 times.

After attaching the last loop, clip, leaving another 6” tail
and drawing it to the underside of the loops.

draw the two tails to the inside of the hat (using a crochet
hook) on opposite sides of where you closed the hat, so it
holds well. Tie them on the inside -- 2 or 3 knots -- and
then weave the tails a few times to ensure the are securely
attached.

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