

# Just Ducky Hat

sized for small with (med/large in parenthesis)

## materials:

Two 5/8" black buttons for eye (or yarn to embroider, or sew-on google eyes)

## for preemies:

double point needles - 2.75 mm (US 2) and 3.5 mm (US 4)

dk weight yarn - MC: 1/2 ounces / CC: 20 yards

gauge: 2": 12 st/17 rows with larger needles

## for older babies/toddlers up to 18 months

double point needles - 4.5 (US 7) and 5.5 (US 9) double points

worsted weight yarn - MC: 2 ounces / CC: 1/2 ounce

gauge: 2" = 8 st/10 rows with larger needles

## abbreviations:

*k*: knit

*k2tog*: knit two stitches together as one

*inc* : make a new stitch using a Simple Cast On  
(cast on one stitch over your thumb)

*p*: purl

*sl 1* : slip one stitch knitwise with yarn in back

yarn used in photo: white - Bernat Baby Softee, yellow: Dreambaby DK



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## instructions:

### for the bill (utilizes toe-up sock knitting techniques):

with smaller needles and CC, cast on 8 (10/10) stitches (4/5/5 on each needle). EASY METHOD: hold the 2 needles parallel to each other, using a Simple Cast on, place one stitch on the left, the 2nd on the right and so on.

rnd 1: knit around, splitting the stitches onto 3 needles:

ndl 1: 2/3/3 st, ndl 2: 2/2/2 st, ndl 3: 4/5/5st

rnd 2: 1st needle: k1, inc 1, k across. 2nd needle: k across to next to last st, inc 1, k1. 3rd needle: k1, inc 1, k across to next to last st, inc 1, k1

repeat rnd 2 until there are 32 (36/40) stitches total

knit 7 rows stockinette (or until bill is desired length -- about 1" for preemies, 1 1/2" for older babies/toddlers)

combine the stitches on needles 1 and 2. clip yarn and weave end, but do not remove from needles

*(designer's note: if you only have one set of the smaller dpns, work the ribbing of the hat first and transfer to the larger needles then use the smaller ones for the bill)*

### ribbing:

with smaller needles and MC, cast on 60 (70/80) stitches. Split onto 3 (or 4) needles. Join, being careful not to twist.

k3, p2 around for 9 (10/11) rows

change to larger needles

### attaching the bill

*(designer's note: this is done at the same time as you knit the first row and with a technique similar to the 3-needle bind off)*

rnd 1: k 10. holding the needle for the bottom of the bill (with yellow stitches) against the needle in your left hand (right hand, if you're a lefty), pick up a stitch from each needle (one yellow, one white) with your working needle and knit as one. proceed in a similar manner until you've knitted all the stitches from the bottom of the bill into the hat (the upper stitches will be worked into the next row). then knit around the remainder of the round.

rnd 2: k 10. just as you did in row one, knit the stitches from the top side of the bill into the hat. knit the remainder of the round.

rnds 3 - 12 (15, 18): knit around

### decreases:

rnd 1: \*k10 (12, 14), k2tog - repeat from \* to end

rnd 2: \*k9, (11, 13), k2tog - repeat from \* to end

continue working decreases (reducing number of knit stitches by 1 each time) until 10 stitches remain

### finishing:

Cut 6" tail and thread through loops. Pull tight, weave in all ends and clip.

If desired, add a loopy topper (for a feather tuft).

Add eyes ... sew on buttons or google eyes. I embroidered the "whites" of the eyes and then sewed a button on for the iris.