Froggy Hat

sized for small with (med/large in parenthesis)

for all sizes:

- white yarn for pom pons, or 2 purchased 1 1/2"
 (2 1/2" for worsted style) poms
- ♥ two 5/8" black shank-style buttons
- \bigcirc a bit of red yarn for smile
- \bigcirc tapestry needle for embroidering mouth and attaching eyes

for preemies and newborns:

5 double point needles - 2.5 (US 1.5) & 2.75 mm (US 2) dk weight yarn - 1/2 ounce gauge: 2": 17 st/18 rows

for older babies/toddlers up to 18 months

5 double point needles - 3/25 (US 3) & 3.5 (US 4) worsted weight yarn - 1 ounce gauge:2" = 15 st/16 r

abbreviations:

k: knit
p: purl
p2tog: purl two stitches together
psso: pass slipped stitch over
yo: yarn over



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instructions:

ribbing:

with smaller needles and MC, cast on 60(72/84) stitches. Split evenly onto 4 needles and join, being careful not to twist.

- k2, p2 around for 6 (7/8) rows and change to larger needles (designer's note: this hat is worked in rvs stockinette, meaning all rows will be purled.)
- 🖤 purl around for 25 (28/32) rows

decreases:

- needle 1: p1, ssp (slip, slip purl), p12 (15, 18) needle 2: p12 (15,18), p2tog, p1 needle 3: p1, ssp, p12 (15, 18) needle 4: p12 (15,18), p2tog, p1
- needle 1: p1, ssp, p11 (14, 17) needle 2: p11 (14,17), p2tog, p1 needle 3: p1, ssp, p11 (14, 17) needle 4: p11 (14,17), p2tog, p1
- repeat above two rounds, decreasing the stitches on each needle by one for each round worked, until 40 (52, 64) total stitches remain (10, 13, 16 each needle)
- 💙 purl around
- 🏷 work a decrease round, as above

- repeat these two steps until 24 (36, 48) stitches remain
 - Use a 3-needle bind off, on the outside of the hat, to close the top. Tie off and weave in end.

finishing:

- Using your bit of red yarn, embroider a broad smile between the "cheeks" that are formed by the first set of decreases (see picture for placement). A simple backstitch, or even running stitch, will suffice.
- Make tight pom poms with white yarn (or use purchased)
- ✓ Using white yarn and tapestry needle, thread the yarn up from the "bottom" of the pom, leaving about 6" of tail. Loop through the shank on your button and thread back from top to bottom, cutting the 2nd tail to 6".
- Pull firmly to nest the button and attach firmly to the pom pom. Tie on the underside of the pom. Do not cut tails.
- \bigcirc With needle, or crochet hook, thread the tail through the front of the hat to the inside about 1/2" from the top.
- Flip hat inside-out and firmly tie the eyes -- 3 or 4 knots each are suggested. Clip tails