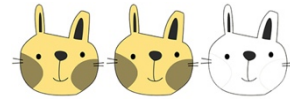

BALLOONS HAT

KNITTING PATTERN



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Skill level: intermediate

Sizes: newborn/6m/1y/3y

To fit head

14" (36 cm)/17(43)/18(46)/19(48)

MATERIALS

Worsted (9 wpi; 10 ply; no 4: Medium) or aran (8 wpi; 10 ply; no 4: Medium) weight yarn such as Drops Nepal about 40-80g or 65-135 yards + few yards of 3 contrast colors yarns for the balloons

Double pointed knitting needles US 8 (5 mm) or to obtain **gauge 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) = 18 sts x 24 rows** (in stockinette stitch)

Few sizes smaller knitting needles than your main needles such US 4 (3.5 mm) for the decorations

Tapestry needle

ABBREVIATIONS

St(s) – stitches

RS and WS – right and wrong side

K – knit

P – purl

Ssk – slip slip knit

M1 – make one stitch

K2tog – knit two stitches together

P2tog – purl two stitches together

PATTERN NOTES

The negative ease of the hat is about 2.5" (5 cm)

The hat is worked in the round

THE PATTERN (MOSS OR SEED STITCH)

Round or Row 1 (RS): *k1, p1*, repeat from *-* all around/across

Round or Row 2: work each st opposite as it faces to you that is knit the purl and purl the knit stitches

Repeat Round/Row 2

THE HAT

With your main yarn and needles cast on 49/63/70/77 (newborn/6m/1y/3y and follow the given number throughout the pattern) sts and join working in the round making sure there is no twist. Work the Pattern (see above) for 5 rounds.

Continue in stockinette stitch until the hat measures 3.5/4.5/5/5.5" (that is 9/12/13/14 cm). Next round start decreasing:

Decrease Round 1: *k5, ssk* all across

Decrease Round 2 and every alternate row: knit all stitches

Decrease Round 3: *k4, ssk* all across

Decrease Round 5: knit all sts

Decrease Round 7: *k3, ssk* all across

Decrease Round 9: *k2, ssk* all across

Decrease Round 11: *k1, ssk* all across

Cut the yarn, pull it through the remaining stitches, and tighten together. Fasten off.

EARFLAPS (MAKE 2)

Turn the hat 180 degrees so you could pick up stitches from the cast on row. Find the start of the first round

and count 8/8/10/12 sts to one direction from the back seam and *pick up with US 4 (3.5 mm) needles 14 sts.



Work the Pattern for 4 rows.

Continue working the earflap in the Pattern but decrease 1 stitch at the beginning of each row (with k2tog/p2tog) until you have 4 sts left. Bind off all stitches. Cut the yarn*

For the 2nd earflap count the same amount of sts to the opposite direction and repeat from *-*

BRAIDS (MAKE 2)

Make 1 braid at the bottom of each earflap. 1 braid = cut 3 threads about 30" (75 cm) (1 from each three of the balloon color).

*Thread the thread ends halfway through bottom part of earflap so that they are double.

Divide the threads in to 3 bundles of and braid them loosely together, tie a thread around the end at the bottom of braid.

*Repeat *-* for the other earflap.

Trim.

BALLOONS (MAKE 3)

Knit the balloons with 3 different colors of yarn and with your smaller needles. The balloons are knitted flat bottom up.

Cast on 5 stitches

Row 1 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 2 and every alternate row: purl all stitches

Row 3: ssk, k1, k2tog

Row 5: knit all stitches

Row 7: k1, M1, k1, M1, k1 (5 sts)

Row 9: k1, M1, k3, M1, k1 (7 sts)

Row 11: k1, M1, k5, M1, k1 (9 sts)

Row 13: knit all stitches

Row 15: ssk, knit the remaining stitches until 2 sts left:
k2tog

Row 16: purl all sts

Repeat Rows 15-16 until you have 3 sts left, bind off all
sts

Tie a small bow around the 3-6 Row of the balloon with
some other color of yarn, leave one end about 3" (8 cm)
long. When you have finished all three balloons.

Sew them on the hat and tie the balloon ribbons
together, attach it too with few stitches.

Weave in all ends.

