

Very Basic Baby Beanie

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- Yarn:** Approx 100 yards sportweight yarn (for one hat)
Gauge: 5.5 st/in (unstretched gauge)
Needles: Double-pointed needles in a size that gives you the desired gauge
Notions: Tapestry needle (for weaving in ends)

Choose your needle size based on the recommended gauge of 5.5 stitches per inch or begin with the needle size recommended on your chosen yarn's ball band. While you could start your hat on a circular needle rather than double pointed needles (DPNs), I prefer to use DPNs throughout since this baby hat has a very small diameter and the number of cast on stitches I call for do not spread around a circular needle comfortably. Therefore, this pattern is written for a set of 4 DPNs (3 DPNs to hold the stitches as you knit them and 1 DPN with which to knit the stitches off each needle). Other knitting methods to try that *do not* involve using DPNs are Magic Loop and knitting in the round on two circulars. There are many helpful video tutorials to be found online; I prefer these:

- If you have DPNs: <http://verypink.com/2011/04/27/getting-started-with-dpns/>
- Magic Loop: <http://verypink.com/2012/10/17/simple-magic-loop/>
- Joining in the round: <http://verypink.com/2010/03/13/video-joining-in-the-round/>

Instructions:

Cast on 72 stitches on one double-pointed needle. Redistribute stitches (slipping purlwise) so that 24 stitches are on each of three double-pointed needles; join to knit in the round, while making sure your stitches aren't twisted. Knit 1" to 2" of K2, P2 ribbing. Begin knitting every round until the hat measures 5.25" from the cast on edge and begin decreasing for the crown:

Crown Decreases:

- Round 1: K6, K2tog; repeat to end of round (rep to EOR) - (63 stitches)
- Round 2: Knit around
- Round 3: K5, K2tog; rep to EOR (54 stitches)
- Round 4: Knit around
- Round 5: K4, K2tog; rep to EOR (45 stitches)
- Round 6: Knit around
- Round 7: K3, K2tog; rep to EOR (36 stitches)
- Round 8: Knit around
- Round 9: K2, K2tog; rep to EOR (27 stitches)
- Round 10: Knit around
- Round 11: K1, K2tog; rep to EOR (18 stitches)
- Round 12: Knit around
- Round 13: K2tog; rep to EOR (9 stitches)
- Round 14: Knit around

To Finish:

Cut a 12" length of yarn and thread a tapestry needle. Weave yarn through the remaining 9 stitches and tug gently to close the opening. Poke the needle through a nearby stitch to the underside of the hat and weave in ends; cut yarn. Wash and block hat according to guidelines on the ball band and lay flat to dry.

Experiment with different needle sizes and yarn weights to get a smaller or larger hat. Based on this stitch count and **your** gauge for this pattern, the hat will fit a 13"- to 18"- diameter head.

Please visit the Ravelry pattern page for the Very Basic Baby Beanie to see the different yarns other knitters have chosen for this project.