

# Striped Elf Hat in 2x2 ribbing



This warm hat will keep your cutie's ears warm and will stay put with an adorable chin strap. Because it is worked in the round, it will create its own circular stripes if using a self-striping yarn.

## **Materials:**

- 1 set 3.25 mm circular needles
- 1 set 3.25 double point needles, if desired
- 1 - 50 g ball fingerling weight yarn (e.g., Patons Kroy Socks) in striping pattern
- Button
- Marker

## **Gauge:**

46 st for 4 inches = 11.5 st/in

## **Abbreviations:**

CO - cast on

St - stitch(es)

K - knit

P - purl

\*Dec - slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

ws - wrong side; rs - right side

Work in 2x2 ribbing - K2, P2 for length of row. Beyond the first few rows, simply knit and purl stitches as they face you.

**Pattern (to fit 12 month old):**

CO 180 st.

Row 1 (ws): (P2, K2), continue to end.

Row 2 (rs): Work in 2x2 ribbing for 44 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 86 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 44 st. (176 st)

Being careful not to twist stitches, join stitches for the next row. Place marker at beginning of row if desired.

Row 3 (working in the round): Work in 2x2 ribbing for 44 st, K1 (at location of dec), work in 2x2 ribbing for 86 st, K1, work in 2x2 ribbing for 44 st.

Row 4: Work in 2x2 ribbing for 43 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 84 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 43 st. (172 st)

Row 5: Work in 2x2 ribbing, knitting and purling stitches as they face you and knitting over decrease stitches.

Row 6: Work in 2x2 ribbing for 42 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 82 st, dec\*, work in 2x2 ribbing for 42 st. (168 st)

Continue in this manner, knitting and purling stitches as they face you, and decreasing every other row. Eventually your circular needle will be too small for the hat and you will have to switch to the magic loop method or double point needles. Once 8 st remain between decrease stitches, cut yarn and loop through remaining stitches.

Weave in ends.

**For chin strap:**

CO 10 st.

Row 1 and all following rows: (K1, P1), continue to end.

Continue in this manner until strap measures double the length around the hat base (see photo). Be sure NOT to stretch the hat's ribbing when making this measurement. Now make buttonhole.

First button hole row: K1, P1, bind off 5 st, K1, P1. (This may need to be adjusted depending on the size of your button)

Next row: K1, P1, cast on 5 st using cable cast on, K1, P1.

K1, P1 for 4 more rows, then bind off in pattern.

Seam chin strap to hat base, sew on button, and weave in ends.



Hat base