

wee leafy baby set

(a tutorial from flintknits.com)



This is a super-simple, super-quick baby gift.

You can easily make these in larger sizes by using a heavier weight of yarn and/or larger needles.

And you can adapt the leaf motif to any season by using different colored yarns (earth tones for fall, blues or white for winter, etc.) ... and there could be pom poms ... truly, the opportunities for adorableness are unlimited.

MATERIALS:

- 1 ball (110 yds) Knit Picks Shine Sport, or other machine-washable sport weight yarn suitable for snuggling
- 3.5mm (US 4) needles of your choice for small-circumference circular knitting
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle

ABBREVS:

- **CO:** cast on
- **ssk:** slip, slip knit.
- **k2tog:** knit two together.

INSTRUCTIONS

HAT:

CO 72 sts, place marker, and join for knitting in the round.

Work 3/4" in 2x2 rib.

Work 2.5" in stockinette stitch.

Decrease Rounds:

Round 1: (k7, k2tog) around

Rounds 2-4: knit

Round 5: (k6, k2tog) around

Round 6 and all even rounds: knit

Round 7: (k5, k2tog) around

Round 9: (k4, k2tog) around

Round 11: (k3, k2tog) around

Round 13: (k2, k2tog) around

Round 15: (k1, k2tog) around. You will now have 16 sts remaining.

Round 16: k2tog around. (8 sts)

Cut yarn and draw the tail through the remaining 8 sts. Weave in ends.

SOCKS:

Note: there are two versions of the tube socks here. One is knit toe-up, and uses a short-row toe. The other is knit top-down and kitchenered together at the toe. For fabulous, explicit, step-by-step instructions on how to knit a short-row toe, see Wendy's Detailed Toe-Up Sock Pattern at <http://wendyknits.net/finished-work-free-patterns-tips/sub-page>.

[toe-up version]

Using a provisional cast-on, CO 15 sts.

K 14, wrap and turn

P 13, wrap and turn

K 12, wrap and turn

P 11, wrap and turn

Continue in this manner until you have 5 wrapped stitches on each edge, and 5 unwrapped stitches remaining for the center of the toe.

K 5, pick up the wrap and knit it together with the next live stitch. Wrap the next stitch (so that it now has two wraps) and turn.

P to next wrapped, unworked stitch and purl it together with its wrap. Wrap the next stitch (so that it now has two wraps) and turn.

On the following rows, you will pick up both wraps and work them together with the live stitches they are wrapped around. Repeat these two rows until you have worked across all 15 stitches. If you are using DPNs, divide these stitches over two needles.

Next, release your 15 stitches from their provisional cast-on and, if using DPNs, divide them over two needles. You will now have a total of 30 stitches ready for knitting in the round.

Place marker and work in the round, in stockinette stitch, for 3 inches.

Work 3/4" in 1x1 rib. Bind off in rib pattern, with a needle two sizes larger.

[top-down version]

Using a flexible cast-on, CO 30 stitches, place marker, and join for knitting in the round.

Work 3/4" in 1x1 rib.

K 3" in stockinette stitch.

Decrease Rounds:

Round 1: *k1, ssk, k9, k2tog, k1. Repeat from *

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *k1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k1. Repeat from *

Round 4: knit

Round 5: *k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1. Repeat from *

Round 6: *k1, ssk, k3, k2tog, k1. Repeat from *

You will now have 10 stitches total—5 for the top of the foot and 5 for the bottom. Graft them together using a kitchener stitch.

LEAVES:

Make as many leaves as you like, and attach them where you want them.

CO 5 sts

Row 1: k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 (7 sts)

Row 2 and all WS rows: purl

Row 3: k3, yo, k1, yo, k3 (9 sts)

Row 5: k4, yo, k1, yo, k5 (11 sts)

Row 7: ssk, k7, k2tog (9 sts)

Row 9: ssk, k5, k2tog (7 sts)

Row 11: ssk, k3, k2tog (5 sts)

Row 13: ssk, k1, k2tog (3 sts)

Row 15: slip the first stitch, knit the next two stitches together, and pass the slipped stitch over.

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" tail, and pull the tail through the remaining live stitch. With the tail and a tapestry needle, sew the leaf where you want it, using a small slip stitch around the leaf's edges.