

Ladybird Hat



Bliss
for babies born
premature or sick

MATERIALS

Yarn: 1 x 50g each of red and black double knit
Needles: 3.75mm and 3.5mm crochet hook

ABBREVIATIONS

b = use black yarn

K = knit

K2tog = knit next 2 stitches together

P = purl,

r = use red yarn

rep = repeat

St-st = Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

st[s]=stitch[es]

tog = together

HINTS AND TIPS

When working the spots it's better to work with a small ball of the black yarn for each spot rather than carrying the yarn across the back of every row.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using black yarn cast on 72 sts and work 9 rows in St-st.

Next row: purl dec 1 st in the centre

Break off black and join in red yarn. Work 2 rows in St-st starting K

Insert spots:

Row 1: K14 r, K4 b, K r to last 18 sts, K4 b, K r to end

Row 2: P13 r, P6 b, P r to last 19 sts, P6 b, P r to end

Row 3: K13 r, K6 b, K r to last 19 sts, K6 b, K r to end

Row 4: rep Row 2

Row 5: rep Row 1

Row 6: Purl r

Row 7: K24 r, K4 b, K15 r, K4 b, K24 r

Row 8: P23 r, P6 b, P13 r, P6 b, P23 r

Row 9: K23 r, K6 b, K13 r, K6 b, K23 r

Row 10: rep Row 8

Row 11: rep Row 7

Rows 12: Purl r

Row 13: K16 r, K4 b, K r to last 20 sts, K4 b, K r to end

Row 14: P15 r, P6 b, P r to last 21 sts, P6 b, P r to end

Row 15: K15 r, K6 b, K r to last 21 sts, K6 b, K r to end

Row 16: rep Row 16

Row 17: rep Row 15

Starting P and using r, st-st 3 rows

Shape crown (using red throughout):

1st Row: K1, [K2tog, K5] 10 times (61 sts)

2nd Row and every alternate row: Purl

3rd Row: Knit

5th Row: K1, [K2tog, K4] 10 times (51 sts)

7th Row: K1, [K2tog, K3] 10 times (41 sts)

9th Row: K1, [K2tog, K2] 10 times (31 sts)

11th Row: K1, [K2tog, K1] 10 times (21 sts)

13th Row: K1, [K2tog] 10 times (11 sts)

Break off yarn and draw through the remaining stitches. Fasten off.

Antennae:

Using 3.5mm crochet hook and black, make 10 chain. Work 4 double crochet into the 2nd stitch from the hook. Break off yarn and fasten off.

Make up:

Join back seam and sew in all ends. Attach the bottom 1cm of each antennae to the hat, allowing the top to flop over.

Lay a damp cloth over the finished work and leave overnight.

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