

Premature Baby Bonnets



Bliss
for babies born
premature or sick

MATERIALS

Yarn

Yarn **A Sirdar, Snuggly 4 ply**
White (0251) 1 x 50g/226m ball

Yarn **B Sirdar, Snuggly 4 ply**
Blue Bell (0354) 1 x 50g/226m ball

Yarn **C Sirdar, Snuggly 4 ply**
Blue Berry (0341) 1 x 50g/226m ball

Needles & Extras

A pair of 2 3/4mm needles
A pair of 3 1/4mm needles
A 2.5mm crochet hook

TENSION

Yarn used knits as 4 ply to this tension:
28 sts and 36 rows to measure 4x4in
(10x10cm) st st using 3 1/4mm needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Bonnet

Cast on 38 sts using 2 3/4mm needles and yarn A.

Row 1-7 G st. Change to 3 1/4 mm needles.

Row 8 K2, *yfwd, k2tog, K2, rep from * to end.

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10-21 St st.

Row 22 Cast on 4 sts, st st to end of row.

Row 23 Cast on 4 sts, st st to end of row.

Row 24 K6, *k2tog, K2, rep from * to last 6 sts, K6.

Right Back Border

With RS facing using 3 1/4mm needles commencing at cast on sts, pick up 14 sts evenly along edge.

Row 1 *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Rep row 1 a further 4 times.

Cast off in rib.

Ties (Make 2)

Cast on 40 sts using 3 1/4mm needles.

K 2 rows.

Row 25 and every alt row P.

Row 26 K1, *k2tog, K4, rep from * to end.

Row 28 K1, *k2tog, K3, rep from * to end.

Row 30 K1, *k2tog, K2, rep from * to end.

Row 32 K1, *k2tog, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 33 P1, *p2tog, rep from * to end.

Break off yarn, leaving enough yarn to sew up bonnet. Run yarn through rem sts. Draw up and fasten off.

Left Back Border

With RS facing, using 3 1/4mm needles and commencing at g st edging, pick up 14 sts evenly along edge.

Row 1 *K1, P1, rep from * to end Rep row 1 a further 4 times

Cast off in rib.

All Striped Bonnet

Start with Yarn A.

Change to Yarn B on row 10.

Continue in st st working 2 rows yarn B and 2 rows yarn A until bonnet is completed.

Partly Striped Bonnet

Commence with Yarn A.

Change to yarn B on row 22.

Continue in st st, working 2 rows yarn B and 2 rows yarn A until bonnet is completed.

Border ties and crochet edging in yarn A.

Cast off loosely.

Make up

Join back seam, sew back borders to cast on sts by grafting. Sew on ties to the outside of bonnet.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to have very smooth narrow soft seams without any knots as the baby's skin is very thin and sensitive.

Crochet Edge (Optional)

With RS facing using a 2.5mm crochet hook, slip 1 st into first cast on st of front edge.

Work 3 chain, 2 treble into same st, miss 2 cast on sts, *slip stitch into next stitch, 3 treble into same st, miss 2 cast on sts, rep from * to end of edge.

Fasten off.

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