

New Born Baby Hats

MATERIALS – 1 ball of DK baby acrylic (not wool) in order that it will survive hot washing. (NB - White acrylic please for baby hats for local hospitals and coloured acrylic for babies in clinics in Sub Saharan Africa.)

Two size 8 or 4 mm needles

INSTRUCTIONS

Cast on 48 stitches

Work in Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing for 1” (about 6 rows)

Knit in Stockinette Stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for 3” inches ending with a purl row. Piece will now measure 4” from the beginning.

Begin Decrease for top of hat:

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (24 stitches)

Next Row: Purl across

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (12 stitches)

Next Row: Purl across

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (6 stitches)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing up seam. Thread the tail of yarn through a large eye needle and then pull through the stitches to remove them from the needle. Pull stitches tight to gather. Sew a **flat** seam down the side of the hat with remaining yarn.

