

Bev's Baby Ribs Hat



Size 3 needles/ Size 10 UK needles (Seamless DP version below)

1 oz acrylic blend sport weight or baby yarn (4 ply UK yarn)

Cast on **48** sts for 2 - 3 lbs preemie, (**52** sts for 3-4 lb preemie, **68** sts for 4-6 lbs; **72** sts for 7-9 lbs full term newborn)

Knit 2, purl 2 to end of row

Do this for 36 rows, (**40**, **44**, **48** rows)

Gauge: 6 sts = 1" 8 rows = 1"

Decrease:

Row 1: (knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 2: Purl next row

Row 3: (knit 1, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 4: Purl next row

Repeat decrease rows 3 and 4 until you have just a few sts remaining.

End - Cut yarn leaving a 14" tail.

Carefully remove stitches from needle. Run needle and yarn through sts from needle. Pull gently, but tightly to draw shut. Sew side seam.

Double Pointed or 9" circular needles

4 US Size 3 double pointed needles / Size 10 UK needles

1 oz sport or baby yarn (4 ply UK wool)

Cast on **52** sts for 3-4 lb preemie (**68** sts for 4-6 lbs; **72** sts for 7-9 lbs) *place these stitches "evenly" among 3 needles. (eg. for 72 sts, each needle gets 24 sts on each needle)*

Knit 2, purl 2 around

Do this for 40 rounds (44, **48** rnds)

Decrease:

Row 1: (knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 2: Knit next row

Row 3: (knit 1, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 4: Knit next row

Repeat decrease rows 3 and 4 until 11 sts remain.

End - Cut yarn leaving a 14" tail.

Carefully remove stitches from needle. Run sewing needle and yarn through sts from needle. Pull to draw shut. Weave yarn back and forth a few times to anchor.

(Most hospitals prefer no seams for their tiniest babies)