

## Preemie Baby Beanies



I designed these tiny little hats based on the measurements given to me by a children's hospital NICU here in Utah that I was knitting for. They requested that the preemie hat be about 7" in circumference at the brim and 3-3 1/2" from brim to crown.

**Yarn:** any fingering weight scraps—uses approximately 11-12 gms (about 45 yds.)

**Needle:** size 2—9" circular or dpns

CO 72 using 9" circulars in size 2 needle.....join to knit in round

knit for approx. 10 rows (1") in K2P2 ribbing

knit stockinette until 2 1/2" in length (about 17 rows)

start decreases as follows:

K6 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

K5 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

K4 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

K3 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

switch to 3 dpn's

K2 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

K1 K2tog (9 times) all around

Knit row

K2tog all around (you should have 3 stitches on each of the 3 needles)

K1 K2 together so you now just have 2 stitches on each needle

K2tog (leaving you 3 stitches--put all on one needle and knit I-cord for 2". Then run end of yarn down through the I-cord to inside center of hat and secure.....tie I-cord in little knot at base of hat and weave end in at brim.

**then hold to your heart and infuse with love & healing energy for the tiny person who will wear the beanie:):):)**