

Val Stevens' Knitted Crib using a Carte D'Or Tub – August 2016



MATERIALS NEEDED

DK – 4.5mm needles – knitted all in one piece, each section following on from the last.

Carte D’Or Ice Cream tub / similar size/shape tub.

Ribbon / knitting-in lace for decoration (optional).

Smooth, neutral-coloured fabric and wadding / toy stuffing for making a mattress and pillow (optional).

*** Please only use cream / white / pale yellow / pale green for these cribs as it is often difficult to tell the gender of the very early loss babies.**

CRIB OUTER BASE

Cast on 36sts, placing markers after sts 2, 16, 18, 20, and 34.

Knitting in garter stitch, increase in first and last stitches AND each side of markers, in every 'right side' row until 84 sts.

CRIB OUTER & INNER SIDES AND INNER BASE

Continue in garter stitch for another 35 rows, or any suitable pattern of your choosing.

With right side facing change to st st and work another 16 rows.

On row 16 of st st (should be a p row), place markers after stitches 10, 32, 42, 52, and 74.

Next row, continuing in st st, K2tog at each end of the row AND before and after each marker on every knit row until 36 sts remain.

Purl next row then place 18 sts on each of two double-pointed needles. Place needles back-to-back with the right sides of the work together. Using a third needle knit and cast off from both needles.

Insert tub before sewing the final seam closed. (If the label from the tub shows through the knitted material then please cover it, e.g. by spray-

painting the tub first or covering the outer edge of the tub in white duck-tape.)

You may wish to make a padded fabric mattress and pillow to place in the bottom of the crib. A knitted or crocheted blanket is also a nice finishing touch, as is decorating the crib with ribbon / bows / lace. (You are welcome to send cribs without these finishing touches as they can be added here at Cuddles Central).

PATTERN ADAPTATIONS / DECORATING IDEAS

You may wish to make a row of eyelet holes to thread narrow ribbon through towards the top of the garter-stitch outer-side piece.

Knitting-in lace could be used towards the top of the garter-stitch outer-side piece.

Satin bears and bows can be used to decorate the crib and / or blanket.

The outer base and side of the crib could be knitted using beige wool and a basket-weave stitch to resemble a woven basket.

Many thanks to Val Stevens for developing this pattern after some hospital staff requested cribs using a Carte D'Or tub for added stability.

We are also still accepting knitted or crocheted cribs made with other ways of strengthening them so that keep their shape well. Hospitals generally prefer the open cribs rather than the hooded ones. They are also much easier to package for posting.