

Val's Baby Bonnet in 3 Sizes

This is a pretty little knitted bonnet that is also firm enough to support baby's head. The ridges expand too, making it a versatile design by Val. Suitable for girls or boys.

Abbreviations

yo - yarn over needle to create a hole.

K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together through the front.

Garner Stitch - every row Knit.

You will need

2ply with 2.5 needles (13's),

3ply with 2.75mm needles (12's),

4ply with 3.25mm needles (10's).

2 Cords to tie: Can be anything you like, knitted, twisted, crochet or narrow ribbon. Long enough to tie in a bow.



Bonnet

Cast on 29 (35, 41) sts v. loosely (or use larger needle).

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Repeat these 2 rows once more.

Row 5: K3, (yo, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2. (This is the fold line for the picot edge.)

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: Knit.

Repeat rows 6 & 7, twice more.

Pattern

Row 12: (wrong side facing you) Knit.

Row 13: K2, Purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 14: Knit.

Row 15: Knit.

Row 16: K2, Purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 17: Knit.

Row 18: Knit.

Row 19: K2, Purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 20: Knit.

Row 21: Knit.

Row 22: K2, Purl to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 23: Knit.

Row 24: Knit.

Row 25: Purl every stitch on this row.

Row 26: Knit.

Row 27: Knit.

Row 28: Purl.

Shape Crown

Row 29: K2tog to last stitch, K1 - 15 (18, 21) sts.

Row 30: Purl.

Row 31: K2tog to end (K last stitch for small and large sizes) - 8 (9, 11) sts.

To Finish

Break yarn, thread through stitches, pull tight and secure, then sew down to and including the top Purl ridge, leaving the remainder open. (Pictures below)

Fold over at the row of holes and hem loosely with the same yarn.

Attach cords to both ends of the picot edge. (Pictured on previous page)



Can be decorated so prettily, with a tiny rose perhaps or pearl beads if you would like.

This bonnet would work well inside a crib, cocoon or pocket as it supports the baby's head very nicely, or as part of an outfit with a gown or sleep-suit.

We hope you enjoy making it.

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