

CULPEPER MEDICAL CENTER
KNITTED NEWBORN BABY CAP

NOTE: To prevent infectious diseases and allergies, all hats must be knitted with new yarn in a smoke free, scent free environment. Please place your hat in a new plastic bag so that it stays clean. Thank you for donating your time and talents.

Supplies:

- #5 knitting needles (straight or 12" circular)
- New baby fingering yarn (Baby Pink or Baby Blue is preferred)
- CO 80 stitches for newborn hat

Directions:

K2 P2 for 7" total. If you are using a circular needle, join the yarn on the first row. You may knit the first 1 1/2" (turned up rim) in a contrasting color if you choose, such as white rim 1/1/2" and 5 1/2" in pink.

Next row: After finishing the first 7", (K2tog, P1, P1) repeat across entire row; 60 stitches remain.

Next row: Knit across entire row.

The next 3 rows are decreasing rows as well.

Next row: K2tog; repeat across entire row; 30 stitches remain.

Next row: K2tog; repeat across entire row; 15 stitches remain.

Next row: K2tog; repeat across entire row; 8 stitches remain.

If you have used straight needles, cut yarn and leave a 15" tail to thread through the remaining stitches; then, stitch 2 sides together using a mattress stitch. If you have used a circular needle, leave a 6" tail to thread through the remaining stitches and secure to close the hat.

Additional:

Add a pompom if desired.

Use a fork or 3 of your fingers as you wrap the yarn around 50 times. Tie with additional yarn in the middle of the wrapped yarn. Trim the pompom until it is fluffy, and then secure the pompom through the top of the hat.