

# Simple Baby Hat



**Materials:** Worsted weight superwash wool (sample knit with Dream in Color Classy Worsted Superwash Merino) in eight colors, one set of double pointed needles size 7, tapestry needle, stitch markers

**Gauge:** 4.5 stitches per inch

**Size:** infant

**Abbreviations:** k=knit, p=purl, dec=decrease, k2tog=knit two stitches together

## **Instructions:**

### **Body of the Hat**

Cast on 80 stitches with an elastic method such as Norwegian or Two Tail.

You will be knitting this hat in the round. Knit across and join making sure stitches are not twisted. Place a stitch marker to indicate where a new row begins.

\* Knit four rows.

K1, p1 across the next row.

Change colors.

Repeat from \* five more times. Decrease two stitches evenly spaced on the last row.

### **Begin decreases for the crown**

Continue in established pattern of knitting four rows and k1p1 one row while completing crown.

(k11, place a stitch marker, k2tog) repeat across. There should be six "pie" sections.

Knit one row

\*(k to two stitches before the marker, k2tog)

Knit one row

Repeat from \* three times

(k to two stitches before the marker, k2tog) until there are six stitches left

Cut yarn with a five inch tail. Using the darning needle, thread the tail through the six stitches.

Pull snug and weave in any ends. But, wait! You aren't done yet...

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## I Cord Brim

You will be adding a knitted cord perpendicular to your previous work. Hold your work wrong side towards you. You will be working left to right.

Using a double pointed needle, pick up a stitch from the brim edge. Cast on three stitches.

\* Knit the first stitch and the next brim edge stitch together. K3, slide the stitches to the other end DO NOT TURN. Repeat from \* until you are out of hat edge stitches. Cut yarn with a tail about five inches long. Using a darning needle thread the tail through the stitch loops and pull snug. Weave in the end.

Here are pictures of each step:

			
Four stitches	Insert needle into next brim edge stitch	Knit the 1 <sup>st</sup> stitch with an edge stitch	Finish knitting 1 <sup>st</sup> stitch with edge stitch
			
Knit next stitches	Knit to end of stitches	Do not turn. Slide stitches from here	to here

Make it your own:

Choose your yarn and measure the head you want a hat for:

Yarn: \_\_\_\_\_ Inches around: \_\_\_\_\_

Knit a swatch and determine the needle that creates the fabric you like:

Needle size: \_\_\_\_\_ Count the number of stitches per inch: \_\_\_\_\_

Multiply the inches around by stitches per inch: \_\_\_\_\_ This is your cast on number.

Cast on. Join carefully with no twists and work to desired hat length to the beginning of crown shaping. Divide your cast on number by 6: \_\_\_\_\_. Decrease by any remainder on the next round while placing a stitch marker between each sixth.

\*(k to two stitches before the marker, k2tog); Knit one row; Repeat from \* three times.

(k to two stitches before the marker, k2tog) until there are six stitches left.

Cut yarn with a five inch tail. Using the darning needle, thread the tail through the six stitches.

Pull snug and weave in any ends. Finish the brim as you desire. You may choose to begin with a rib or other standard edge, or finish with applied i-cord as described earlier in this pattern.

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