

Hop, Hop



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My two year old granddaughter is just starting to talk and every time she sees a bunny, she calls it “hop, hop”. This is a quick little hat sized for a newborn.

Materials: Approximately 110 yards of a worsted weight yarn for the main color and a few yards of a contrasting color. The samples were stitched in Plymouth Yarn’s Jeanee Worsted, a nice cotton and acrylic blend that you can machine wash and dry.

Needles: U.S. Size 6. 16” circular. I used a 32” and magic looped the top of the hat, but you can use dpns if you prefer.

Gauge: 5 sts. = 1 inch

Abbreviations:

k = knit

k2tog.= knit 2 stitches together

kfb= knit into the front and back of stitch

ssk=slip two stitches knitwise then knit them together

sts. = stitches

dpn. = double pointed needle

Pattern: Cast on 64 stitches. Knit the first row without joining. (This will make it easier to knit in the round on the circular needle.) Join to knit in the round and knit 9 rounds total. On the next round, knit each stitch in the back loop. This helps to keep the rolled brim where it should be!

Knit each round until hat measures about 4 ½" from the cast on edge. If you are using the bunny chart, begin the pattern on the sixth round after the round where you knit through the back loops. Follow the chart from the bottom to the top, then knit until hat measures 4 ½" which is approximately 7 more rounds.

Crown:

Round 1: [k6; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (56 sts.)

Round 2 and all even Rounds: knit. (At this point, you'll need to switch to either dpns or a long circular to magic loop.)

Round 3: [k5; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (48 sts.)

Round 5: [k4; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (40 sts.)

Round 7: [k3; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (32 sts.)

Round 9: [k2; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (24 sts.)

Round 11: [k1; k2tog.] repeat to end of round. (16 sts.)

Round 12: knit

Separate for ears: You should have 16 stitches and now you're going to divide them in half for each ear. Place the first four stitches on one needle and the next four on the second needle (assuming that you are using the magic loop method.) Place the remaining 8 stitches on a piece of waste yarn to be worked later. Begin knitting each ear in the round.

Round 1: knit.

Round 2: [kfb; k2; kfb] twice. (12 sts.)

Round 3: knit.

Round 4: [kfb; k4; kfb] twice. (16 sts.)

Rounds 5 – 12: knit.

Round 13: [ssk; k4; k2tog.] twice. (12 sts.)

Round 14: knit.

Round 15: [ssk; k2; k2tog.] twice. (8 sts.)

Round 16: knit.

Round 17: [ssk; k2tog] twice. (4 sts.)

Round 18: knit.

Round 19: [k2tog.] twice.

Slip 1st st. over the 2nd stitch and pull through. Leave a long tail the length of the knitted ear plus a few inches.

Second Ear: Join the yarn, but leave a long tail. There will be a hole at the top of the hat and you'll need to use the tail to weave in and close the gap! Pick up the 8 stitches from the waste yarn and knit it exactly as you did the first ear.

I ran the long ends on each ear down the inside of the ear and weaved in the ends. You can tug on the tail a little bit and make the ears curve if you want to, but I liked them just sticking up straight since they're so small.

Weave in the remaining ends.

