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BABY SOFT
8PLY YARN

Baby Bonnet with Bilby Ears

EASY KNIT

With no knitting in the round or difficult colour work, these bunny ears are a cute, easy project and knit up quickly. Australia's answer to the traditional Easter bunny, the Easter Bilby, this bonnet fit size 12 - 24 month old babies and is the perfect way to let them join in the fun.

MEASUREMENTS

Width (approx)	cm	20
Length (approx)	cm	21
Yarn Required:		
Makr Baby Soft 8ply (M)	100g balls	1
Makr Cuddles (C1)	50g balls	1

Please use only the yarn specified. Another yarn is likely to yield different results. Quantities are approximate as knitting styles may vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

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NEEDLES AND EQUIPMENT:

A pair of 3.50mm knitting needles.
A pair of 4.00mm knitting needles.
Stitch Markers.
Wool needle for sewing in ends.
Black yarn for embroidery.

TENSION:

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles.

KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS:

K: Knit
K2tog: Knit 2 Together
Kfb: K1 into the fr of the next stitch on the needle but do not slide the stitch off, K1 into the bk of the same stitch on the needle and slide the stitch off the needle
P: Purl
P2tog: Purl 2 Together
Pfb: Purl 1, Purl tbl to increase by 1
Sl1: Slip One Stitch purlwise
wyif: With Yarn in Front
wyib: With Yarn in Back
ssk: Slip, Slip Knit (Left Slanting Decrease)
PSSO: Pass Slip Stitch Over

BONNET

Cast on and Ribbing:

Using 3.50mm needles and M, cast on 86 sts.

Row 1: Sl1, Ktbl, *P2, Ktbl2, repeat from * to end

Row: Sl1, Ptbl, *K2, Ptbl2 repeat from * to end

These two rows form a twisted rib stitch, repeat until piece measures 3cm, ending with a WS row.

Main Bonnet:

Row 1: Change to 4.00mm needles. Knit all sts.

Row 2: Purl all sts.

Continue to work in stockinette until piece measures 13cm from the beg, ending on a RS row.

Next Row (WS): P2tog, P27, place a marker, P28, place a marker, P27, P2tog ... 84 sts

Next Row: Knit 55 sts, 1 st before the second marker, remove the marker, K2tog, turn ... 83 sts

Next Row: Purl to 1 st before the remaining marker, remove the marker, P2togtbl, turn ... 82 sts

Repeat these rows, decreasing by one st on each row out of the side sections only until the central section remains only, 28 sts. Leave these on a holder.

NOTE: The markers can be removed after the first two rows, you will get a hole or gap between the sts that are to be worked together which makes them easier to locate.

Ribbing:

Using 3.50mm needles, and RS of the bonnet facing, pick up 24 sts along, the right hand edge, work in Ktbl2, P2 across the rem 28 sts on the holder

and pick up 24 sts down the left hand edge ... 76 sts.

Row 2 (WS): *Ptbl2, K2, repeat from * to end.

Row 3: *P2, Ktbl2, repeat from * to end.

Repeat the above two rows until ribbing measures 3cm from the beg, ending with a WS row.

Ties:

Using the 3.50mm double pointed needles, knit the first 5 sts of the row onto the dpns and place the rest of the sts onto a st holder.

Slide the stitches to the other end of the dpn needle and bring the yarn behind the work. Knit the 5 sts again. Repeat until the i-cord measures 40cm from the beginning.

Next Row: Sl1, K2tog, PSSO, K2tog, slide work to the other end of the needle.

Next Row: K2tog and fasten off remaining st.

Slide the remaining sts back onto the needle, joining yarn at the base of the i-cord just worked, cast off sts until there are 5 sts remaining. Work i-cord as you did for the other side.

EARS (MAKE TWO ALIKE)

Using M and 4.00mm needles, cast on 16 sts. Directly following these sts using C1, cast on 10 sts ... 26 sts

Row (RS): Using C1 Sl1 knitwise. K9, twist the two yarns over each other to join seams, dropping C in front of the work, Knit to end using M only.

Row 2: Using M Sl1 purlwise, P15, colour to C dropping M at the front of the work, Knit to end using C.

Repeat these two rows, until you've done 24 rows total.

Row 25 (RS): K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1 using C, Knit to end using M ... 24 sts

Row 26: Purl all M sts, Knit all C stitches.

Row 19: Knit all stitches

Row 20 and all WS rows: As Row 18

Row 21: K1, SSK, K8, K2tog, K1 using M, K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1 using C ... 20 sts

Row 23: Knit all stitches

Row 25: K1, SSK, K6, K2tog, K1, using M, Knit to end using C ... 18 sts

Row 27: K1, SSK, K4, K2tog, K1 using M, K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1 using C1 ... 14 sts

Row 29: K1, SSK, K2, K2tog, K1, using M, K1, SSK, K2tog, K1 using C ... 10 sts

Row 31: K6 using M, Knit 4 using C

Row 33: K1, SSK, K2tog, K1, using M, K2tog, twice using C ... 6 sts

Row 35: K2tog, twice using M, K2tog using C1 ... 3 sts

Row 37: K2tog, using M, Cast off 1 using C.

Row 38: Cast off rem sts.

MAKE UP & FINISHING

Ears:

Fold ears, RS together and sew outer edges of the M and C1 panels together. Turn RS out. Pinch in at the base of the ear and sew to top of bonnet, approximately 2cm in from the fashioning lines and 8cm back from the ribbing.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends, using a wool needle, embroider the black tips onto the end of each ear steam and block to shape.