## Yarnspirations"

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What you will need:
RED HEART ${ }^{\circ}$ Baby Hugs'"
Medium: 1 ball 4258 Peachie
Susan Bates ${ }^{\circ}$ Circular Knitting Needles: 5.0 mm [US 8], 16 " [ 40 cm ] long
Susan Bates ${ }^{\circ}$ Double-Pointed
Needles: 5.0 mm [US 8]
Stitch marker, stitch holder, yarn needle

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4 " [ 10 cm ]; 26 rows $=4^{\prime \prime}[10 \mathrm{~cm}]$ in Garter Stitch (knit every row). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge.

RED HEART ${ }^{\circ}$ Baby Hugs"' Medium, Art E404 Oeko-Tex Certified 100\% Acrylic baby yarn available in $4.5 \mathrm{oz}(127 \mathrm{~g}) 247 \mathrm{yds}(225 \mathrm{~m})$


Get right to the point and make this darling hat for a sweet baby or child. It only takes one ball of this highest quality easy-care yarn.

## Directions are for a baby, toddler size is in

 parenthesis.Finished circumference: 16 (173/4") [41 (45) cm]

## NOTES

Hat is worked in the round, change to double-pointed needles when there are not enough stitches to easily work on circular needles.

## SPECIAL STITCHES

K2tog = Knit 2 stitches together. Insert the right needle into two stitches at the same time and knit. This will result in a decrease of one stitch. This decrease will slant to the right.
M1 = Make 1 (Increase). Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

## PATTERN STITCH

## K2, P2 Rib

Row 1: K2, P2.
Row 2: Knit the k sts, purl the p sts
Repeat rows 1-2.

## EARFLAPS (Make 2)

Using double-pointed needles, cast on 6 sts. Row 1 (Wrong Side): Purl across row.
Row 2: (Right Side): K2, m1, k2, m1, k2—8 sts.
Row 3: P2, k1, p2, k1, p2.
Row 4: K2, p1, m1, k2, m1, p1, k2-10 sts
Row 5: P2, k2, p2, k2, p2.
Row 6: K2, p2, k2, p2, k2.
Rows 7-8: Repeat Rows 5-6.
Row 9: Repeat Row 5.

Cut yarn and place first Earflap (10 sts) on a stitch holder and set aside.
Make Second Earflap as for First Earflap. After Row 9, place second Earflap on circular needles.

## HAT

With Right Side facing and using circular needles, work across second Earflap as follows: K2, p2, k2, p2, k2. Cast on 38 (42) sts (front of hat), then work across the Right Side of first Earflap as follows: K2, p2, k2,
p2, k2. Cast on 14 (18) sts (back of hat) -72 (80) sts.

Join being careful not to twist sts and place marker for beginning of round.
Next Rounds: Work in K2, P2 Ribbing for $11 / 2 "$ [ 4 cm ].
Next Rounds: Knit every round until hat measures $2 ½, 3^{\prime \prime}[6(8) \mathrm{cm}]$ from cast on edge.

## SHAPE CROWN

As stitch count decreases, change to doublepointed needles.
Round 1: (decrease) *K2tog, k16 (18)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-68 (76) sts.
Round 2: Knit
Round 3: (decrease) *K2tog, k15 (17)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-64 (72) sts.
Round 4: Knit
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Round 5: (decrease) *K2tog, k14 (16)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-60 (68)
sts.
Round 6: Knit.
Round 7: (decrease) *K2tog, k13 (15)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-56 (64) sts.

## Round 8: Knit.

Round 9: (decrease) *K2tog, k12 (14)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-52 (60) sts.

## Round 10: Knit.

Round 11: (decrease) *K2tog, k11 (13)*;
repeat from * to * around 4 times-48 (56) sts.

## Round 12: Knit.

Continue working in this manner, working one less knit stitch between each decrease round until there are 4 sts left on needles. Cut yarn leaving an 18 " [ 46 cm ] tail. Thread end of tail through yarn needle and pull through remaining 4 sts twice, draw up firmly; fasten securely.

## TIES (Make 2)

Cut 6-36" [91 cm] long stands of yarn.
Thread 3 strands of yarn through the
bottom of each Earflap, even up ends.
Tightly braid the 6 stands together, starting at bottom of Earflap. When braid measures 9 " [25 cm ] long, knot ends leaving a 1 " [2.5 cm ] tassel, trim ends even.

## FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

$\mathbf{K}=$ knit; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters; $\mathbf{P}=$ Purl; $\mathbf{s t}(\mathbf{s})=$ stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch; K2tog = Knit 2 Together, [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** $=$ repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

