



KNIT  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 1 ball each  
9770 Rose Blush A, 9440 Light  
Grey Heather B.

**Susan Bates® Circular Knitting  
Needles:**  
5 mm [US 8], 16" [41 cm] long

**Susan Bates® 1 set Double-  
Pointed Needles:** 5 mm [US 8]

Stitch marker, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 18 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 24  
rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette  
Stitch. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use  
any size needle to obtain the  
gauge.



**RED HEART® Soft®**,  
Art. E728 available in  
solid color 5 oz (141  
g), 256 yd (234 m),  
print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m),  
and heather 4oz (113 g), 212 yd  
(194 m) balls



# Preemie Baby Hats

*These soft knit hats in modern  
hues are perfect for keeping newborn  
little heads warm and cozy.*

Hat measures 12" [30 cm] in circumference

## SPECIAL STITCH

**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.

## PATTERN STITCHES

### Stockinette Stitch

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Knit all sts.

**Row 2 (Wrong Side):** Purl all sts..

Repeat rows 1-2.

### K2, P2 Ribbing

**Row 1:** K2, P2 across row/round.

**Row 2:** Knit the k sts, purl the p sts

Repeat rows 1-2.

## HAT

Using circular needles and **A** (girl's version) or  
**B** (boy's version), cast on 40 sts. Join being  
careful not to twist sts and place marker for  
beginning of round.

**Rounds 1-6:** K2, P2 to end of round.

**Rounds 7-9:** Knit to end of round.

**Round 10:** Purl to end of round.

**Rounds 11-13:** Knit to end of round.

**Rounds 14-16:** Purl to end of round.

Repeat Rounds 7-16.

## SHAPE CROWN

As st count decreases, change to double-  
pointed needles.

**Round 1 (decrease):** \*K6, k2tog\*; repeat from  
\* around—35sts.

**Rounds 2, 6, 8, 10, 12:** Knit to end of round.

**Round 3 (decrease):** \*K5,k2tog\*; repeat from  
\* around—30 sts.

**Round 4:** Purl to end of round.

**Round 5 (decrease):** \*K4, k2tog\*; repeat from  
\* around—25 sts.

**Round 7 (decrease):** \*K3, K2tog\*; repeat from  
\* around—20 sts.

**Round 9 (decrease):** \*K2, K2tog\*; repeat from  
\* around—15 sts.

**Round 11 (decrease):** \*K1, K2tog\*;  
repeat from \* around—10 sts.

**Round 13:** \*K2tog\*; repeat from \* around—5  
sts. Cut yarn leaving a 6" [15 cm] tail and  
draw through remaining 5 sts twice. Draw up  
firmly; fasten securely. Using yarn needle,  
weave in ends.

## Bow for Girl's Version

With **B** and double-pointed needles, cast on  
10 sts.

**Rows 1-8:** Knit across row.

**Next Row:** Bind off all sts.

Using **A**, wrap yarn around center of knit piece  
6 times to cinch into a bow. Tie off yarn. Using  
yarn needle, tuck loose end in securely.

## FINISHING

Using yarn needle, sew bow to front of hat just  
above ribbing using photo as a guide. Weave  
in all ends, block hats lightly to shape.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B** = Color A, Color B; **cm** = centimeters; **K**  
= knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = Purl; **st(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.

SHOP KIT