



Baby's First Hat

Are you anxiously waiting for baby to arrive? Do you have baby showers in your future? Here is the perfect little hat to knit for a new baby. There's no better way to relax and spend some productive time than knitting!

Designed by Red Heart Design Team.

Directions are for size 6-9 month; changes for 12-18 month are in parentheses.

Finished Size: 17"(19") circumference.

RED HEART® Baby TLC™: 1 ball of 5960 Strawberry Orange.

Knitting Needles: 3.5mm [US 4] and 3.75mm [US 5].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch.
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitches

SSK = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these stitches together through the back loop.

HAT

Ribbing

With smaller needles, cast on 77(85) sts.

Row 1 (Right side): (K2, P2) across to last stitch, K1.

Row 2: P1, (K2, P2) across.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for Ribbing until piece measures approximately 2½ (3)" from cast on edge, ending by working Row 2.

Body

Change to larger size needles.

Row 1 (Right side): Knit across.

Row 2: Purl across.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for pattern until piece measures approximately 4½ (5½)" from cast on edge, ending by working Row 2.

Crown Shaping

Row 1: K1, *K2tog, K15(17), SSK; repeat from * across: 69(77) sts.

Row 2: Purl across.

Row 3: K1, *K2tog, K13(15), SSK; repeat from * across: 61(69) sts.

Row 4: Purl across.

Row 5: K1, *K2tog, K11(13), SSK; repeat from * across: 53(61) sts.

Row 6: Purl across.

Row 7: K1, *K2tog, K9(11), SSK; repeat from * across: 45(53) sts.

Row 8: Purl across.

Row 9: K1, *K2tog, K7(9), SSK; repeat from * across: 37(45) sts.

Row 10: Purl across.

Row 11: K1, *K2tog, K5(7), SSK; repeat from * across: 29(37) sts.

Row 12: Purl across.

Row 13: K1, *K2tog, K3(5), SSK; repeat from * across: 21(29) sts.

Row 14: Purl across.



Row 15: K1, *K2tog, K1(3), SSK; repeat from * across: 13(21) sts.

Row 16: Purl across.

Size 12-18 Months Only

Row 17: K1, *K2tog, K1, SSK; repeat from * across: 13 sts.

Row 18: Purl across.

FINISHING

Cut yarn, leaving a 12" end. Thread yarn needle with end and weave through remaining stitches. Draw up firm; fasten securely. With right sides together and matching stitches, sew seam. Make one medium size pom pom and attach securely to Crown of Hat.



RED HEART® Baby TLC™, Art. E258
available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 258 yd (328 m) and multicolor 4 oz (113 g), 242 yd (222 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeter; **P** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together.

