

Little Bear Hat & Lovey

Level: Easy

SIZES

Hat: Newborn (Baby, Toddler, Child)

Lovey: One Size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Hat

Circumference: 13¾ (15½, 17¼, 18¾)"

Height: 5½ (6½, 7½, 8¾)"

Lovey

Width: 15" Length: 15"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Pixie Dust™ Brights (100% Polyester; 3.5oz/100g, 251yds/230m)

• 2096-16 Sky – 2 balls

Needle: US Size 8 (5 mm) 16" circular needle and set of double point needles, US Size 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular or set of double point needles *or size* needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, small amount of black & white yarn for embroidering face, poly-fil or scrap yarn for stuffing

GAUGE

14 sts x 22 rows = 4" in St st with larger needle **Save time, check your gauge.**

STITCH GUIDE

1X1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts) **Rnd 1:** *K1, p1; rep from * to end.
Rep Rnd 1 for patt.

Stockinette Stitch (St st) (any number of sts) Knit every rnd.

PATTERN NOTES

The Hat is worked from the bottom up in the round. The ears are knit separately and then sewn onto the finished Hat. The two smallest sizes should be worked entirely on dpns due to the small circumference.

The Lovey is worked from the top down in the round. Once the knitting is complete, the top of the head is seamed, embroidered and then stuffed. Finally, the bottom of the head is sewn shut.

HAT

With smaller needle, cast on 48 (54, 60, 66) sts, pm and join for working in the rnd careful not to twist sts.

Work even in **1X1 Rib** until piece meas 1 (1, $1\frac{1}{4}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$)" from cast on edge. Switch to larger needle, work even in **St st** until piece meas $3\frac{1}{4}$ ($4\frac{1}{4}$, 5, $5\frac{1}{2}$)" from cast on edge.

Crown Shaping

Note: If working on a circular needle, switch to dpns when necessary.

Set Up Rnd: *K8 (9, 10, 11), pm; rep from * to end. **Dec Rnd:** *K to 2 sts bef m, k2tog; rep from * to end – 6 sts dec'd.

Next Rnd: Knit.

Rep the last 2 rnds 3 (4, 4, 5) more times – 18 (24, 24, 30) sts dec'd, 24 (24, 30, 30) sts rem.

Dec Rnd: *K to 2 sts bef m, k2tog; rep from * to end – 6 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Rnd 2 (2, 3, 3) more times – 12 (12, 18, 18) sts dec'd, 6 sts rem. Cut yarn.

FINISHING

Thread tail onto tapestry needle, draw through remaining sts and pull tight to secure.

Ears (Make 2)

With larger dpns, cast on 20 sts. Arrange sts so there are 10 sts each on 2 dpns, join for working in the rnd careful not to twist sts.

Rnds 1-6: Knit.

Dec Rnd: [K1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1] twice – 4 sts dec'd, 16 sts rem.

Rep Dec Rnd 2 more times - 8 sts dec'd, 8 sts rem. With wrong sides facing, join top of ears with a three needle bind-off, or bind off and then seam. Using photo as reference, sew Ears to top of Hat.

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Weave in ends.

LOVEY

Head

With dpns, cast on 32 sts and distribute evenly over 2 ndls, join in the rnd careful not to twist sts. Knit 2 rnds.

Shape Ears

Inc Rnd: [K1, kfb, k to last 2 sts on ndl, kfb, k1]

twice — 4 sts inc'd.

Rep Inc Rnd every rnd 1 more time — 4 sts inc'd, 40 sts.

Dec Rnd: [k1, ssk, k to last 3 sts on ndl, k2tog, k1]

twice — 4 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Rnd every rnd 1 more time — 4 sts dec'd, 32

Work even in St st until piece meas 4" from cast on edge.

Blanket

Distribute sts over 4 dpns (8 sts on each ndl).

Inc Rnd: [K1, kfb, k to last 3 sts on ndl, kfb, k1] 4 times

8 sts inc'd.

Next Rnd: Knit.

Rep the last 2 rnds 2 more times, and then work

Inc Rnd once — 24 sts inc'd, 64 sts.

Switch to circ ndl.

Set Up Rnd: [K16, pm] 4 times.

Inc Rnd: *K1, kfb, k to 3 sts bef m, kfb, k1; rep from * to

end — 8 sts inc'd. Next Rnd: Knit.

Rep the last 2 rnds 12 more times, then work Inc Rnd once -104 sts inc'd, 176 sts, or to desired size. **Blanket Edging**

Next Rnd: Purl.

Inc Rnd: *K1, kfb, k to 3 sts bef m, kfb, k1; rep

from * to end — 8 sts inc'd.

Rep the last 2 rnds 3 more times —24 sts inc'd, 208 sts.

Bind off sts.

FINISHING

Sew top of head shut along cast on edge, sew diagonally along Ear Shaping on each side of Head. With black yarn and using the photo as a guide, embroider mouth. Duplicate stitch eyes and nose on Head. Embroider small amount of white on eyes. Stuff Head. Using a running stitch, sew around the bottom of the Head, pull tight to shut.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

bef before circular circ dec('d) decrease(d)

dpn(s) double point needle(s)

inc('d) increase(d) k knit

knit into the front and back of kfb

the next st (1 st inc'd)

k2tog knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

marker m meas measures ndl(s) needle(s) р purl patt pattern place marker pm

rem remain(ing) repeat(ing) rep



