



SWEET CHILD OF MINE HAT

Here's Twisted's chunky-weight hat for the CLICK for Babies Campaign, which aims to raise awareness for shaken baby syndrome and the Period of Purple Crying. The goal is for thousands of hats to be knitted or crocheted for distribution to all babies born in Oregon during the months of November and December. Knitted at a chunky gauge, with a mere 40 yards, it's a quick and satisfying project, just perfect for these waning days of Summer.



Yarn - approximately 40 yards/37 meters chunky-weight yarn. Shown in Berroco Vintage Chunky (52% acrylic, 40% wool, 8% nylon; 130 yards/119 meters per 3.5 ounce/100 gram skein), colorways Petunia (61105) and Wasabi (6165).

Gauge - 16 stitches = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch.

Needles - US #10/6mm (or size to get gauge) for knitting in the round, using your preferred method (either two circulars, or one long circular for magic loop, or 12" circular and double points for smaller circumference knitting) AND one size smaller needles for knitting in the round (same methods as above).

Notions - Tapestry needle.

Skill level - Advanced beginner (knitting in the round, color changing, decreasing).

Size/Finished measurements - Sized to fit a newborn baby. 12"/30.5 cm circumference at brim, 5.75"/14.5 cm tall.

Abbreviations

k - knit.

k1tbl - knit one stitch through back of loop.

k2tog - knit two stitches together into one stitch. One stitch decreased.

p - purl.

rnd, rnds - round, rounds.

ssk - slip/slip/knit. To do this, slip one stitch as if to knit. Slip another stitch as if to knit. Insert left needle into front of these two stitches and knit them together. One stitch decreased.

Note: Some people prefer an ssk worked with second stitch slipped as if to purl.

st, sts - stitch, stitches.

Notes

You can also knit this hat in only one color - just ignore the instructions to change colors, and work in stockinette stitch until you've reached the requisite 4"/10 cm.

Instructions

Brim

Using cast on of your choice, color A (if for a CLICK for Babies Campaign hat, color A should be purple!), and smaller needles, cast on 50 sts. Join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist, and place marker to indicate beginning of round.

Work in (k1tbl, p1) ribbing for 1.25"/3 cm.

Switch to larger needles and k 2 rnds.

Switch to Color B and k 4 rnds.

Switch to Color A and k 2 rnds.

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Switch to Color A and k until hat measures 4"/10 cm from cast on edge.

Crown decreases

Note: you will be using color A for the remainder of the hat.

Rnd 1: (ssk, k6, k2tog) to end.

Rnd 2 (and all other even-numbered rnds 2-8): k to end.

Rnd 3: (ssk, k4, k2tog) to end.

Rnd 5: (ssk, k2, k2tog) to end.

Rnd 7: (ssk, k2tog) to end.

Rnd 9: ssk to end.

Cut yarn leaving a tail about 10"/25cm long and use a tapestry needle to draw the yarn through all sts on the needles. Remove knitting needles. Weave ends in on the inside, block, and put on a sweet little child, yours or otherwise.