

Picot-hem Preemie-fat



Head circumference 6"(7",8",9",10"12")

Fingering-weight sock yarn, machine-washable and -dryable, nice and soft. Knit Picks Stroll and Felici work really well. The hat pictured here is knit in Knit Picks Felici Fingering weight in "Rainbow."

Needles

Two US size 1 (2.25 mm) circular needles or four DPN's

Gauge

9 sts per inch

Waste yarn for provisional cast on Yarn darner



Scissors

This hat needs a provisional cast on to get the lovely hemmed edge. I like using the Traditional Provisional cast-on technique as described on Knit Picks (http://www. knitpicks.com/tutorials/Traditional Provisional D20.html), but there is also a crocheted version of the provisional cast on you can try. The great thing is you can pick

whichever technique works best for your brain. Have fun! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Variation:

You can make the turned hem a different colour by doing everything up to and including the Hemming Round in a contrast colour.

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

Knit

K2tog Knit 2 sts together







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Read Notes before beginning.

Using provisional cast on, **cast on** 54(64,72,82,90,108) sts to one needle (it's much easier that way). Then divide the stitches evenly between either your two circs or your dpn's. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the cast-on edge.

Rounds 1-7: Knit.

Round 8 (Picot turning round): [yo, k2tog] to end of round. (To do the initial yarn over, simply start the round with your yarn in front as if to purl instead of in back as you normally would to knit.)

Rounds 9-15: Knit.

Round 16 (Hemming round): To create the hem, fold the cast-on edge up along the picot turning round so that you are holding the stitches somewhat behind the live stitches on the needle. Then, one by one, carefully knit the first live provisional cast-on stitch together with the first live needle stitch (and so on) until all the stitches have been knit together. You will end up with 54(64,72,82,90,108) sts on your needles and all the cast-on stitches incorporated.

Continue knitting every round until the hat measures approximately 2"(3",3.5",3.5",3.75",4") from bottom edge.

Decrease:

Round 1: [k7, k2tog] to end of round. (Sizes 7" and 9" will have an extra stitch left over at the end. You can just knit it every round and otherwise ignore it because no one looking at the hat will have any idea that there's an extra stitch in one decrease section. However, if it really bothers you, knit it together with the first stitch and it will disappear and you'll have an equal number again.)

Round 2 and every even round: Knit.

Round 3: [k6, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 5: [k5, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 7: [k4, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 9: [k3, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 11: [k2, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 13: [k1, k2tog] to end of round.

Round 15: [k2tog] to end of round.

Stop after Round 15. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Using a yarn darner, draw the tail through the remaining stitches. Pull tight. Weave in ends. Ta-da! You're done.

