

Brain Slug Baby Hat

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It's a baby hat! It's a brain slug! Can't you just imagine a baby with this thing planted on his/her noggin? This hat lets the parents blame the kid's blank stare and constant stream of drool on the baby's outerwear ... and not on any ocean madness.

Sizes:

Newborn (0-6 months, 6-12 months)

Materials:

KnitPicks Shine Worsted, Grass colourway - 1 skein
Small amount of white worsted yarn
Small amount of black felt
US size 7 (4.5 mm) DPNs or 16 inch circulars
Stitch marker
Sewing kit

Gauge:

4.5 stitches per inch

Pattern:

CO 48 (54, 64) stitches.
Place marker and join to knit in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.
K until hat measures 5 (5.5, 6) inches high.
Start decreases.
K2tog, K5. Repeat until end of row.
K one round.

K2tog, K4. Repeat until end of row.

K one round.

K2tog, K3. Repeat until end of row.

K one round.

K2tog, K2. Repeat until end of row.

K one round.

K2tog. Repeat until end of row.

Break yarn, and thread through live stitches. Sew together tightly and weave in ends.

Pick up 48 (54, 64) stitches along the bottom of the hat. Knit one round, and cast off two or three stitches at random intervals. You'll end up with a bunch of live stitches spaced around the circle. Your flaps will be knit on these live stitches. Knit one flap at a time.

Flap pattern:

R1 (RS): SSK, knit until 2 stitches are left, K2tog.

R2 (WS): P across row.

R3: SSK, knit until 2 stitches are left, K2tog.

R4: P across row.

R5: SSK, knit until 2 stitches are left, K2tog.

R6: P across row.

R7: BO all stitches and weave in ends.

Make 2 I-cords for the antennae, about 5 inches long. Bind off, and cut the yarn, leaving a long tail of yarn to sew the end of the I-cord to itself (to make a sort of bobble, similar to how a fern unfurls). Weave in ends, and attach I-cord to the head securely.

Eye pattern:

CO 12 stitches using the white yarn.

K one row.

Turn work, purl across until one stitch is left, wrap and turn.

Knit across until one stitch is left, wrap and turn.

Purl across to the end, purling in the wrap as you pass it.

Knit across to the end, knitting in the wrap as you pass it.

Purl one row.

BO stitches and sew a piece of black felt (or make the pupil in duplicate stitch) onto the eye. Attach the eye to the hat.

Weave in all ends and go and find a small brain to control. There you go, easy as chugging a can of Slurm.

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