

# Preemie beanie

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My first grandson was born 10 weeks early and, like most preemies, had difficulty keeping warm. This hat grew with him from birth at 30 weeks (3lb 6oz), and so is suitable for a preemie or a small newborn. When they're really tiny, the brim folds up neatly to fit.

Knit kit  
3.75mm (US 5) DPNs  
Sirdar Click DK with wool, 1 skein (50g, 150m)  
NB: 1 skein will easily make 2 hats;  
you can use any washable, soft DK wool

## Instructions

Cast on 64, join in round and divide evenly between DPNs.  
Work in k2 p2 rib for 4 inches.



Joshua models his funky new hat in SCBU (NICU) at 32 weeks (3lb 12oz)



When knitting for a baby in hospital, always wash the garment, and transfer it (with clean hands!) to a zip-up bag for delivery.

To finish:

Break yarn and pull through remaining sts.

## Decreases:

- Rnd 1: \*k2 p2 k2 p2tog\* to end (56 sts)
- Rnd 2: \*k2 p2 k2 p1\* to end
- Rnd 3: \*k2 p2tog k2 p1\* to end (48 sts)
- Rnd 4: k2 p1 k2 p1 rep to end
- Rnd 5: k2 p1 k2tog p1 rep to end 40 sts
- Rnd 6: k2 p1 k1 p1 rep to end
- Rnd 7: k2 k2tog p1 rep to end 32 sts
- Rnd 8: k2 p2 to end
- Rnd 9: k2 p2tog to end 24 sts
- Rnd 10: k2tog p1. To end 16sts
- Rnd 11: k2tog rep to end 8 sts
- Rnd 12: k2tog rep to end 4 sts