

SIMPLY SPRING BEANIE

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“Simply Spring Beanies are the quintessential hat for any age. Perfect for the Spring and Summer, they keep your head cool and the wind out. I designed this hat for my husband to wear while working out, but found it was great to keep my little sons bangs out of his eyes too.

Knit seamlessly in the round, from the top down, lifted increases are used for a smooth transition with a twisted ribbed band to help keep the hat in place. The beanie is meant to cover the ears halfway and an allowance is made for shrinkage. Directions are given for optional striping pattern.

Seven sizes included to fit preemie up to adult male.”



Finished Dimensions:

	<u>Preemie</u>	<u>Newborn</u>	<u>Baby</u>	<u>Toddler</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Men</u>
To Fit	12" / 30.5cm	14" / 35.5cm	16" / 40.5cm	18" / 45.5cm	20" / 51cm	22" / 56cm	24" / 61cm
Finished Size	10.5" / 26.5cm	12.5" / 32cm	14" / 35.5cm	16" / 40.5cm	18" / 45.5cm	20" / 51cm	22" / 56cm
Length	4" / 10cm	5" / 12.5cm	5.5" / 14cm	6.25" / 16cm	6.5" / 16.5cm	6.75" / 17cm	7.5" / 19cm

Gauge:

18sts = 4" (10cm) in Stockinette Stitch on US 7 (4.5mm) needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.
Row gauge is not critical.

Yarn:

Knit Picks Simply Cotton Worsted, 164yards (150meters), 100grams, 100% organic cotton
70(80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130)yds required. A few yards of contrasting color for optional striping.
Samples Shown in: "Malted Milk" size lg & "Reindeer Heather" with "Toffee" stripes size toddler.

Needles & Notions:

- Sizes US 5 (3.5mm) and US 7 (4.5mm) circular needles or *size needed to obtain gauge*, 16" (40cm) or preferred length if using Magic loop method
- 8 stitch markers
- Blunt needle to weave in ends

Abbreviations:

Beg - begin or beginning

BO - bind off

CC - contrast color

CO - cast on

Cont - continue

Inc - increase

K - knit

Kfb - knit into the front, then the back of the next stitch

LLI - left lifted increase

M - marker

MC - main color

PM - place stitch marker

Rem - remaining

Rnd - round

Sl - slip

St - stitch

St St - stockinette stitch

Tbl - through the back loop

Techniques Used:

Stockinette Stitch - Knit all rounds.

Left Lifted Increases - K1, with left needle, lift leg of st just knit and knit into it.

Twisted Rib 2x2 - K2 tbl, p2.



Begin (at crown):

With larger needles & MC, CO 4sts and begin inc's:

Rnd 1: Kfb into each st. Join to work in the rnd, placing M to mark beg of rnd. = 8sts

Rnd 2 & 4: K.

Rnd 3: *K1, LLI, PM; repeat from * to end of rnd. = 16sts

Rnd 5: *K1, LLI, k to M, sl M; repeat from * to end of rnd. = 24sts

Rnd 6: K.

Repeat the last 2 rnds 2(3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) more times and there are 48 (56, 64, 72, 80, 88, 96)sts. Cont even in st st, removing M's as you go, except for marking beg of rnd, until work measures 2.75(3.75, 4.25, 5, 5.25, 5.5, 6.25)" [7(9.5, 11, 12.5, 13.3, 14, 16)cm] from CO for optional striping **OR** work 4 more rnds and skip to twisted ribbing instructions.

Optional Striping & Twisted Ribbing: Attach CO and work 2(2, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4)rnds. Switch to smaller needles and MC and work in twisted rib for 1" (2.5cm). Switch to CC and work 3 rnds, then use larger needle to BO ribwise.

Twisted Ribbing: Switch to smaller needles and work in twisted rib for 1.25" (3cm). Use larger needle to BO all sts, ribwise and DO not twist sts.

Finishing:

With blunt needle, weave in all yarn ends. Wash as per instructions on ball band. I have allowed some room for shrinkage based on Knit Picks Simply Cotton yarns.

Links:

Left Lifted Increase - <http://www.domiknitrix.com/howtos/pairedraised.cfm> (shows left lifted increase first)

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