



Ribble Premie Hat

Difficulty Rating

Easy intermediate.

Suggested Yarn

Lion Brand Microspun in Lilac (or any sport weight yarn).

Needles

Double pointed needles (dpns), preferably in a set of 5 in size 4 OR size to get gauge.

Gauge

6 sts = 1" in stockinette stitch.

Size

Makes preemie size S (M, L, full term).

Pattern Stitch

Ribble Pat:

Round 1: *[K1, P1] twice, then sl next 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K1, P1 then K1, P1 from cable needle. Rep. from * to end of round.

Rounds 2–5: *K1, P1, rep. from * to end of round.

Round 6: *Sl 2 sts to cable needle and hold in back, K1, P1 then K1, P1 from cable needle, then [K1, P1] twice. Rep. from * to end of round.

Rounds 7–10: *K1, P1, rep. from * to end of round.



To Begin Hat

Cast on 40 (48, 56, 64) sts and divide onto 3 or 4 dpns. Complete one round in K1, P1 rib. On round 2 switch to Ribble Pat and work for 3.5" (3.75", 4", 4.25", 4.5").

Decrease for Crown

Round 1: *K2, then K2tog. Rep. from * to end of round: 30 (36, 42, 48) sts.

Round 2: K every st.

Round 3: *K1, then K2tog. Rep. from * to end of round 20 (24, 28, 32) sts.

Round 4: K every st.

Round 5: *K2tog. Rep. from * to end of round 10 (12, 14, 16) sts.

Round 6: K2tog around until only 6 sts rem. Thread yarn through rem sts twice and sew in ends. Make a matching or contrasting 2" pom-pom and attach to top of hat.

Abbreviations

dpn = double pointed needle

K = knit

pat = pattern

P = purl

st = stitch

rep = repeat

rem = remain, remaining

Designer's Note

I first saw this "ribble" pattern in instructions for a pair of socks and was eager to make use of it in these tiny hats for its complete reversibility and delightful personality—there is no lace at all but the rows of undulating ribs do take on a rather lacy appearance. The gauge is not critical on these hats, because babies' heads come in all shapes and sizes.

—Brooks Jones