

Itty Bitty Bear Cubs



 Bear Hats for Premies by Carolyn Ingram

Small (for 11" head) ~ 9" circumference, 4" height

Large (for 12.5" head) ~ 10.5" circumference, 4.75" height

Yarn:

~Malabrigo Arroyo, Sport weight (335 yds./100g. 100% merino)

Needles:

~US 3 & 4 double pointed needles (dpns) (or long circular for magic loop – instructions given for dpns)

Gauge:

~26.5 sts and 33 rows to 4 inches on US4 in SS

For Small Hat:

Hat:

On US 4 dpns c/o 60 sts
Join in the round.

Work **25** rounds in SS
(the first 10 rounds are intended to roll for brim)

Itty Bitty Bear Cubs Premie Hat Pattern

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Pattern may not be sold.

Decrease for top of hat:

(K4, K2tog) around
knit around
(K3, K2tog) around
knit 2 rounds
(K2, K2tog) around
knit around
(K1, K2tog) around
knit around
(K2tog) around
knit around
K2tog around (5sts), and draw yarn up through stitches snugly.

Ears:

Stitches are picked up on two dpns, counterclockwise, and ears are knit 'inside out' so that purl side faces outward. On the first needle you will pick up your stitches downwards from the crown towards the brim. Stitches will then be picked up going upwards towards the crown on the second needle.

With one US 3 dpn, pick up and knit 11 stitches alongside one of the decrease lines of the hat approx. 3 or 4 stitches from the center bind off. With second dpn pick up and knit 11 stitches up the other side of the decrease line. (See photo below)

Knit 3 rounds.

Decrease for top of ear:

On each needle:

K2tog, knit until last two stitches, K2tog (4 sts reduced)

Repeat until 3 stitches remain on each needle (6 sts total)

Bind off and mattress stitch opening closed

Repeat for other ear on the matching decrease line on the opposite side of the hat. Weave in ends.

For Large Hat:

Hat:

On US 4 dpns c/o 70 sts
Join in the round.

Work **30** rounds in SS
(the first 12 rounds are intended to roll for brim)

Decrease for top of hat:

(K5, K2tog) around
knit 2 rounds
(K4, K2tog) around
knit around
(K3, K2tog) around
knit 2 rounds
(K2, K2tog) around
knit around
(K1, K2tog) around
knit around
(K2tog) around
knit around
K2tog around (5sts), and draw yarn up through stitches to bind off.

Ears:

Stitches are picked up on two dpns, counterclockwise, and ears are knit 'inside out' so that purl side faces outward. On the first needle you will pick up your stitches downwards from the crown towards the brim. Stitches will then be picked up going upwards towards the crown on the second needle.

With one US 3 dpn, pick up and knit 12 stitches alongside one of the decrease lines of the hat approx. 4 stitches from the center bind off. With second dpn pick up and knit 12 stitches up the other side of the decrease line. (See photo below)

Knit 3 rounds

Decrease for top of ear:

On each needle:

K2tog, knit until last two stitches, K2tog (4 sts reduced)

Repeat until 4 stitches remain on each needle (8 total)

Bind off and mattress stitch opening closed

Repeat for other ear on the matching decrease line on the opposite side of the hat. Weave in ends.

