



SIZES

Preemie 3-4 lbs (Preemie 5-6 lbs – Newborn 7-9 lbs -3 months 10-12 lbs).

To fit head circumference:

8½ (11-12½-14)" [21.5 (28-32-35.5) cm].

GAUGE

20 stitches and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

Cast on **43 (49-61-71)** stitches (sts).

1st row: [Right Side (RS)]. *Knit 1 (K1). Purl 1 (P1). Repeat (Rep) from * to last st. K1.

2nd row: *P1. K1. Rep from * to last st. P1. Rep last 2 rows (K1. P1) ribbing once more.

Beginning (Beg) on a knit row, work in stocking st until Hat from beg measures approximately **1¾ (2¼-2¾-3)" [4.5 (5.5-7-7.5) 4.5 (5.5-7-7.5) cm]**, ending on a purl row.

Shape top: 1st row: (RS). K1. *Knit next 2 sts together (K2tog). K4 (6-8-8). Rep from * **6 (5-5-6)** times more. **36 (43-55-64)** sts.

2nd and alternate (alt) rows: Purl.

3rd row: K1. *K2tog. K3 (5-7-7). Rep from * **6 (5-5-6)** times more. **29 (37-49-57)** sts.

5th row: K1. *K2tog. K2 (4-6-6). Rep from * **6 (5-5-6)** times more. **22 (31-43-50)** sts.

7th row: K1. *K2tog. K1 (3-5-5). Rep from * **6 (5-5-6)** times more. **15 (25-37-43)** sts.

Sizes 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only:

8th row: Purl.

9th row: K1. *K2tog. K (2-4-4). Rep from * (5-5-6) times more. (19-31-37) sts.

10th row: Purl.

11th row: K1. *K2tog. K (1-3-3). Rep from * (5-5-6) times more. (13-25-30) sts.

Sizes 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only: 12th row:

Purl. **13th row:** K1. *K2tog. K2. Rep from * (5-6) times more. (19-23) sts.

14th row: Purl.

15th row: K1. *K2tog. K1. Rep from * (5-6) times more. (13-16) sts.

All sizes: Next row:

Purl. **Next row:** *K2tog. Rep from * to last **1 (1-1-0)** st(s). K1 (1-1-0). **8 (7-7-8)** sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Draw end tightly through remaining (rem) sts and fasten securely. Sew center back seam.

MATERIALS

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170.1 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Sizes	3-4	5-6	7-9	10-12	pounds
Strawberry (0015)	1	1	1	1	ball

Note: 1 ball will make approximately **15 (12-8-6)** Hats.

Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.**

ABBREVIATIONS: www.yarnspirations.com/abbreviations

Alt = Alternate

Beg = Begin(ning)

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together

P = Purl

Rem = Remain(ing)

Rep = Repeat

RS = Right side

St(s) = Stitch(es)