

Eyelet Preemie Hat (knitted)

Size 3 and 5 needles

Dk weight yarn

On size 3 needles cast on 57 sts.

R1 and R3: K1; *p1,k1; repeat from * across row.

R2 and R4: P1; *k1,p1; repeat from * across row.

Change to larger needles and knit across row increasing 3 sts evenly spaced (60sts).

Purl one row.

Eyelet row: (RS): K1; *k2tog,yo; repeat from * across row, ending with k1.

Purl one row.

Work in stockinette stitch until hat measures 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches from beginning, ending with a right side row.

Decrease row: (WS) Purl across row, decreasing 4 sts evenly spaced (56 sts).

Shape top as follows:

Row 1: *K5, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 2 and all even rows: Purl across row.

Row 3: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 5: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 7: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 9: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * across row.

Row 11: *K2tog; repeat from * across row (8 sts remain).

Purl 1 row; cut yarn leaving a 10 in tail.

Weave tail through remaining stitches and draw up tightly; sew seam.

Weave ribbon through eyelet holes, tying a bow in center front.