

# CHARITY BABY HATS

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# PATTERN DETAILS

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

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**Little Preemie** (3-5 lbs / 1.3 - 2.3 kg)

To fit head circumference up to 10 - 10.5" (25 - 27 cm)

**Preemie** (5-7 lbs / 2.3 - 3.2 kg)

To fit head circumference up to 12" (30.5 cm)

**Newborn** (7-9 lbs / 3.2 - 4 kg)

To fit head circumference up to 14" (35.5 cm)

## MATERIALS

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- 1 straight needle US 8 (5 mm) for Casting on and Binding Off sts.
- 1 pair of straight needles US 7 (4.5 mm).
- Worsted / aran yarn. OR fingering or sport yarn USED DOUBLE.
- Tapestry needle to sew the hat and weave in yarn ends and scissors.

## ABBREVIATIONS

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- **CO:** cast on
- **BO:** bind off
- **RS:** right side
- **WS:** wrong side
- **st:** stitch
- **k:** knit
- **k2tog:** knit 2 sts together
- **ssk:** slip 1 st as if to knit, knit 1 st, pass the slipped st over

## GAUGE

18.5 sts x 25 rows in  
stocking st with US 7  
(4.5 mm) needles  
= 4" x 4"  
(10 cm x 10 cm)

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# INSTRUCTIONS

## LITTLE PREMIE (3-5 lbs / 1.3 - 2.3 kg)

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1. CO 46 stitches with US 8 (5 mm) needles.
2. With US 7 (4.5 mm) needles, knit 4 rows of 1x1 rib (there's a Stitch Glossary below if you need it).
3. Continue working in garter stitch until you have a total length of 2.5" (6.5 cm).
4. Now you are ready to start decreasing sts to shape the top of your hat:

**Row 1) (RS)** k4, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k6, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 4 sts remain, k4

**Row 2)** k all sts

**Row 3)** k3, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k4, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, k3

**Row 4)** k all sts

**Row 5)** k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k2, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 2 sts remain, k2

**Row 6)** k all sts

**Row 7)** k1, \*k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 1 st remain, k1

**Row 8)** k all sts

**Row 9)** k2tog, \*k1, k2tog\* repeat from \* to \* until the end of row.

5. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. With a tapestry needle, pass the yarn inside the remaining 9 sts, pull tightly to close them, and sew the hat.
6. Weave in ends.

I always cast on and bind off stitches with **larger needles** than I use for the main work. This prevent my cast on and bind off rows from being too tight.

**Slip the first stitch** on every row as if you were to knit it, but without knitting it (except on the first row). It will form a neat and sturdy border. And it will help you to sew better the hat.



## **PREEMIE (5-7 lbs / 2.3 - 3.2 kg)**

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1. CO 50 stitches with US 8 (5 mm) needles.
2. With US 7 (4.5 mm) needles, knit 4 rows of 1x1 rib (there's a Stitch Glossary below if you need it).
3. Continue working in garter stitch until you have a total length of 3" (7.5 cm).
4. Now you are ready to start decreasing sts to shape the top of your hat:

**Row 1) (RS)** k4, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k7, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 5 sts remain, k5

**Row 2)** k all sts

**Row 3)** k3, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k5, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 4 sts remain, k4

**Row 4)** k all sts

**Row 5)** k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k3, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, k3

**Row 6)** k all sts

**Row 7)** k1, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k1, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 2 sts remain, k2

**Row 8)** k all sts

**Row 9)** \*k2tog, k1\* repeat from \* to \* until the end of row

**Row 10)** k all sts

**Row 11)** \*k2tog, k1\* repeat from \* to \* until the end of row.

5. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. With a tapestry needle, pass the yarn inside the remaining 8 sts, pull tightly to close them, and sew the hat.
6. Weave in ends.

## **NEWBORN (7-9 lbs / 3.2 - 4 kg)**

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1. CO 54 stitches with US 8 (5 mm) needles.
2. With US 7 (4.5 mm) needles, knit 4 rows of 1x1 rib (there's a Stitch Glossary below if you need it).
3. Continue working in garter stitch until you have a total length of 4.25" (11 cm).
4. Now you are ready to start decreasing sts to shape the top of your hat:

**Row 1) (RS)** k5, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k8, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 5 sts remain, k5

**Row 2)** k all sts



**Row 3)** k4, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k6, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 4 sts remain, k4

**Row 4)** k all sts

**Row 5)** k3, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k4, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, k3

**Row 6)** k all sts

**Row 7)** k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, \*k2, k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 2 sts remain, k2

**Row 8)** k all sts

**Row 9)** k1, \*k2tog, k1, ssk\* repeat from \* to \* until 1 st remain, k1

**Row 10)** k all sts

**Row 11)** k2tog, \*k1, k2tog\* repeat from \* to \* until the end of row.

5. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. With a tapestry needle, pass the yarn inside the remaining 8 sts, pull tightly to close them, and sew the hat.
6. Weave in ends.

## SEWING TIP

When sewing the hat, use the knots left by the side k stitches:



Sewing with contrasting yarn to show better the technique.

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# STITCH GLOSSARY

## **GARTER STITCH**

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k all sts, all rows.

## **1x1 RIB STITCH**

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Over an even number of sts:

\*k1, p1\* repeat from \* to \* until the end of row.

Repeat the row as many times as needed.

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