

Fixation Baby Hat



Designed By Betty Balcomb

FIXATION BABY HAT

Designed by Betty Balcomb



The little bit of elastic in Fixation knits up into the perfect little baby hat. The fabric's stretch hugs the head nice and snug. There are several choices of mixed colorways in both pinks and blues for the traditional-minded newborn. The solid colors are fine too. If you are looking for a baby gift you can have ready before you go to bed to-night, this is it!

Materials: 1 50 gram ball of Fixation. The pictured hat is color #9936. Size 5 16 inch circular needle and dpns **OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE.** Marker.

Gauge: 6-6 1/2 sts to the inch. Gauge has a little leeway with Fixation because of the stretch but **BE SURE TO CHECK GAUGE.**

Sizes: First size is for a little baby (0-6 months), second is for a bigger baby (up to 12 months. If there is only one number it applies to both sizes. Pictured hat is the smaller size.

Directions

With smaller circular needle, cast on 72(80) sts. Place marker and join in round being careful not to twist sts. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 1". Knit 8(9) rounds, purl 2 rounds, knit 4(5) rounds, purl 2 rounds, knit 6 rounds, purl 2 rounds, knit 4(5) rounds, purl 2 rounds, knit until hat measures 4(4-3/4) inches from cast-on edge.

Dec. for crown: as follows:

Row 1: K8(9), P2, *K16(18), P2, rep from * 2 more times, K8(9). This row establishes 4 wedges with ribs of purls between them ready to begin dec'g.

Row 2: K6(7), *K2tog, P2, SSK, K12(14), rep from * 3 more times ending K6(7). You have dec'd 2 sts in each wedge one on each side of the purl ribs.

Row 3: K the knits and P the purls

Row 4: K5 (6), *K2tog, P2, ssk, K10 (12), rep from * 3 more times with last rep ending K5 (6).

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Change to DPNs as needed. Continue in this manner, decreasing on every other row with 2 less sts in each wedge until 16 sts remain.

Make I cords: Working with 4 of the remaining 16 sts at a time, make 4 stubby I-cords as follows: Slide the first set of 4 sts to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn across the back of the sts and K the 4 sts. Again slide the sts to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn across the back of the sts and K the 4 sts. Continue sliding and knitting, until the cord is about 1" long. Bind off by knitting 2tog twice and then passing 1st st over 2nd. Reattach yarn and make 3 more nubbins. There will be a good-sized hole in the top of the hat. Use a tail or 2 to sew it closed. Weave in ends.