

Baby Bomber Hat (Newborn Size)

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Materials:

- ½ ball (80 meters) DK weight (11 wpi) 100% wool felting yarn for main color
- ½ ball (80 meters) DK weight (11wpi) 100% wool felting yarn for contrasting color
- 4.5mm set of 5 double-ended stocking needles
- darning needle
- 3– small buttons of choice

Gauge: 4.5 stitches per inch.

Cast on 4 stitches

Divide stitches evenly between 4 needles. Knit in the round in garter stitch for the first round. Place a marker as a reference point for the beginning and end of each round. You may find it helpful to update your marker from time to time as the project progresses.

Repeat the following rounds until you have 32 stitches:

Round 1: Purl

Round 2: Kf&B of all stitches for entire round

Knit in garter stitch for 3 more rounds, ending with a Knit round.

With 8 stitches on each needle, continue with the following rounds until there are 80 stitches:

Round 1 and all odd rounds: Purl

Round 2: [K1, K1f&B, K4, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (40 stitches total)

Round 4: [K1, K1f&B, K6, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (48 stitches total)

Round 6: [K1, K1f&B, K8, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (56 stitches total)

Round 8: [K1, K1f&B, K10, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (64 stitches total)

Round 10: [K1, K1f&B, K12, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (72 stitches total)

Round 12: [K1, K1f&B, K14, K1f&B, K1] 4 times (80 stitches total)

Knit in the round in garter stitch for 8 more rounds, ending with a Knit round.

Continue in the the following rounds:

Round 1 and all odd rounds: Purl

Round 2: [K8, K2TOG] 8 times

Round 4: [K7, K2TOG] 8 times

Purl Round 5

Place marker, and knit in the round in garter stitch for 1 inch, ending in a Purl round.

Next Round (Front Flap): [K18, turn] 14 times, BO these 18 stitches.

If you want your Bomber Hat to have a contrasting second color, here's where you make the color change.

Continue knitting remaining 46 stitches in the row in garter stitch (knitting back and forth) for 2" (approx 18 rows).

Next Row: K14, BO18, K14

These two sets of 14 stitches are the earflaps. Place the 14 stitches for the left earlap on a cable needle or scrap piece of yarn while working on the right earlap.

Right Earlap:

R1-5: Knit

R6: K1, K2TOG, knit till 3 left, K2TOG, K1

R7-11: Knit

Repeat the following 2 rows until 4 stitches are left, ending with a knit row:

R1: K1, K2TOG, knit till 3 left, K2TOG, K1

R2: Knit

Next Row:K2TOG 2 times

Pull yarn through last 2 stitches. Break off yarn.

Left Earflap:

R1-5: Knit

R6: K1, K2TOG, knit till 3 left, K2TOG, K1

R7-11: Knit

Repeat the following 2 rows until 4 stitches are left, ending with a knit row:

R1: K1, K2TOG, knit till 3 left, K2TOG, K1

R2: Knit

Next Row: K2TOG 2 times

Pull yarn through last 2 stitches. Break off yarn. Weave in ends for felting.

Felting:

Put your finished hat in a top loading washing machine at the lowest water level, the highest heat, and the highest agitation, with a small amount of laundry detergent. You can also put the hat in a zippered pillowcase or lingerie bag if desired.

Leave your machine open so as to stay at the agitation cycle. Check your hat after 15 minutes, and then at 5-minute intervals after that, measuring the circumference each time. You may want to use a pair of kitchen tongs if your water is too warm to touch.

Don't be surprised if at first the hat gets bigger. It will shrink. Remove your hat when the finished product measures just over 17", or the size of your special baby's head (approx. 30-45 minutes).

Ring it out, shape it, and let it dry. Enjoy your adorable new Baby Bomber Hat!