

Knitted Santa's Elf Hat



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Using the Chart below, this pattern has sizes to fit Very Small Premature Baby to Newborn Baby. If you are used to knitting in the round this pattern should be easy for you to convert from 2 needles to circulars or dpns.

NOTES

Materials:

- White 8ply yarn – small amount – less than 50g will make all sizes including pompoms
- Red 8ply yarn - less than 100gm should make one of each size
- 4mm needles (average knitters – 4.5mm if you are a tight knitter)
- Small white PomPom
- Yarn needle for sewing

Abbreviations

K = Knit

Dec = K2tog = Knit two together

Cast On using a stretchy cast on such as the Long Tail Thumb Cast On. If you don't know how to do a stretchy cast on use a needle 2 sizes larger i.e. 5.00mm to cast on then change back to 4.00mm to complete hat.

Sewing Seam – use a flat seam such as the Bickford Method – remember these are going on tiny tender heads!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1ZMMdV5NUQ>

Size	Using White Cast on	Knit (garter stitch) ...	Change to Red (and stocking stitch)	Begin Dec – Purl every 2 nd row
Very Small (675-900gm) 18cm Circumference	36 sts	8 rows	Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, 8 times (16 rows)	Row 1 - *K 10, Dec* across(33sts) Row 3 - *K 9, Dec * across (30sts) Row 5 – *K8, Dec* across (27sts) Cont with 1 less stitch before Dec until 3 sts remain.
Small (900gm – 1.4kg) 20.5cm Circumference	42 sts	8 rows	Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, 10 times (20 rows)	Row 1 - *K 12, Dec* across(39sts) Row 3 - *K 11, Dec* across(36sts) Row 5 – *K10, Dec* across(33sts) Cont with 1 less stitch before Dec until 3 sts remain.
Medium (1.4 – 2.25kg) 23cm Circumference	45 sts	8 rows	Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, 12 times (24 rows)	Row 1 - *K 13, Dec* across(42sts) Row 3 - *K 12, Dec* across(39sts) Row 5 – *K11, Dec* across(36sts) Cont with 1 less stitch before Dec until 3 sts remain.
Large (2.25 – 2.7kg) 25.5cm Circumference	51 sts	8 rows	Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, 14 times (28 rows)	Row 1 - *K 15, Dec* across(48sts) Row 3 - *K 14, Dec* across(45sts) Row 5 – *K13, Dec* across(42sts) Cont with 1 less stitch before Dec until 3 sts remain
Newborn (2.7 – 3.5kg) 28cm Circumference	57 sts	8 rows	Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row, 16 times (32 rows)	Row 1 - *K 17, Dec* across(54sts) Row 3 - *K 16, Dec* across(51sts) Row 5 – *K15, Dec* across(48sts) Cont with 1 less stitch before Dec until 3 sts remainCo

FINISHING

- Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread on yarn needle and slip through the remaining 3 sts on the needle.
- Pull up tight and secure.
- Sew seam with a 'flat seam method', weave in ends neatly.
- Make a small white Pompom and attach to the top of the hat.

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