



cutie-tie hat

Size: Newborn(3-6mos.,6-12mos.,1-2yrs.,3-4yrs.)

Materials: 1(1,1,2,2,) balls of Debbie Bliss Eco Baby (print), 16" circular needle in size 5 (use size 4 if you're a loose knitter) and two double-pointed needles to make I-cords.

Gauge: 25 stitches=4" in stockinette stitch.

Cast on 72 (88, 94, 104, 112) stitches. Join, being careful not to twist, and work in garter stitch (knit one row, purl one row) for 1". Begin stockinette stitch (knit every row) and continue until piece measures 5 ½(6 ½, 7, 7 ¾, 8 ½)" from edge.

Next row: Knit 2 and place these 2 stitches on a little holder. Bind off next 33(41,44,49,53) stitches, (one stitch remains on right hand needle), knit 2 more stitches and put those 3 stitches on another little holder. Bind off remaining stitches, keeping last stitch on needle and slip the two stitches from the (first) holder onto the needle along with that last stitch. Using your double-pointed needles – just because it's a little easier, knit an I-cord* on these 3 stitches for 8-8 ½". Cut yarn and pull thru the 3 stitches so that it won't unravel, we'll finish off later. Slip the 3 stitches from the other holder onto one of your dpn's and with a new piece of yarn, knit another I-cord on these stitches for 8-8 ½". Cut yarn and pull through the 3 stitches.

Now make a neat (overhand) knot near the end of each I-cord, trying to make them both about the same length. Pull knot nice and tight. Cut off end of I-cord approximately ¼- ½" below knot. Sew a neat seam along the top of hat; start at the base of one of the I-cords and seam together top edges to the other I-cord. Tie, or knot, I-cords together. Done!

*I-cord: Knit across the 3 stitches, slide your knitting to the other end of your needle and bring your yarn around and knit again. Continue, in this manner until your I-cord is the desired length.



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