



Little Blossom Hat

Materials: Tahki Cotton Classic in 3 colors (a hat color, a contrast bottom edge and one "leaf" color)

Size #6-16" circular and double pointed needles and an extra circular #6 or smaller.

Sizes: Newborn(3-6 months, 6-12 months)

(You can enlarge the hat by adding multiples of 11 stitches)

Bottom Edge (contrast):

Using #6 circular needle, cast on 66(77,88) stitches in edge color, join, being careful not to twist and begin lace pattern*. Repeat the two rows of lace pattern a total of 4 times. Knit 5 stitches of the next row, cut yarn and set aside. (Transfer to the spare needle if you don't have 2 of the same size.)

Hat (main color):

With #6 circular needle, cast on 66(77, 88) stitches in main hat color, join, being careful not to twist and begin lace pattern*. Repeat the two rows of pattern a total of 3 times.

Now, put the first piece that you knitted inside the second piece and line them up with the two circular needles next to each other. Begin the next row but knit one stitch from each needle together, joining the 2 sections. (The "points" from the edge of the first section will line up with the holes of the second section.) Once you have gotten around and both sections are joined, set aside the extra needle and continue in stockinette stitch until your piece measures about 4(5, 6)" from the edge of the 2nd section.

Begin decreasing: Row 1: K2 tog., K7, SSK, repeat.

Row 2 and all even rows: Knit

Row 3: K2 tog., K5, SSK, repeat.

Cut hat color yarn and put aside.

Top (leaf color):

With double pointed needles, cast on 42(49,56) stitches. Join, being careful not to twist and purl one row. Join this section to the hat the same way you joined the first layer. Put the hat piece under or inside the top piece and knit them together on the next row. The hat piece can be on a circular needle and the top on the double-pointeds.

When the pieces are joined, you can continue decrease sequence as follows on next round:

Row 5: K2 tog., K3, SSK, repeat.

Row 7: K2 tog., K1, SSK, repeat.

Row 9: K2 tog., all around.

Now, knit 2 rounds even. On next round, knit into the front & back of each stitch, doubling the stitches.

The decoration on top of the hat is a picot bind off done as follows:

Using the knitted cast on method, cast 3 stitches onto the left hand needle. Bind off 4 stitches.

Place remaining stitch back onto the left hand needle and repeat this until all stitches are used up, cut yarn and pull through last stitch. There will be a little hole at the top of the hat below the picots and you can use the end to just sort of pull it together at the smallest part.

*Lace Pattern:

Row 1 and all odd rows: K2 tog., K3, Y/O, K1, Y/O, K3, SSK

Row 2 and all even rows: Knit

ABBREVIATIONS:

K=Knit **P**=Purl **K2tog**= Knit 2 together **PM**= Place marker **Kf&b**= Increase by knitting into the front & back of stitch.

M1= Make 1 stitch by inserting left needle under the bar in between stitches from front to back and then knit the lifted strand through the back to twist it as you make a stitch. (You can also insert needle from back to front and knit into the front)

SSK= Slip 2 sts, one at a time as if to knit. Insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts from left to right and K2tog in this position.

Y/O= yarn over (bring yarn in between and then over right hand needle)

