



Red Alert Hat

Free Pattern

Both term and preterm babies can develop hypothermia in the first few hours of birth. Red alert hats may be worn by babies who require closer observation, possibly if they have complications such as jaundice, a respiratory condition or low glucose levels.

Requirements

Knitting patterns for medium and large red alert hats.

Use newly purchased red acrylic double knitting yarn and make it in a pet and smoke free environment.

Follow the pattern guideline and do not add any embellishments or different rib or patterns.

While we appreciate that knitters have different abilities and as these are gifts for babies and families who have gone through so much, we would appreciate a high quality of knitting and sewing up.

All sewing MUST be fastened securely.

Post to us

Please enclose with your package your name, email address and/or home address with the quantity made. This will allow us to contact you with our thanks:

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Knitting patterns for medium and large red alert hats

Medium Hat

Materials

12gm red acrylic DK yarn
3.75mm and 4mm needles

What to do:

Cast on 60sts loosely on 3.75mm needles
Work 6 rows in K3, P3 rib

Change to 4mm needles and work 14 rows in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

Shape crown:

K6, *K2 tog, K6, repeat from * to last 4 stitches, K4

Next and alternate rows purl

K5, *K2 tog, K5, repeat from * to last 4 stitches, K4

K4, *K2 tog, K4, repeat from * to last 4 stitches, K4

K3, *K2 tog, K3, repeat from * to last 4 stitches, K4

K2, *K2 tog, K2, repeat from * to end of row

K1, *K2 tog, K1, repeat from * to end of row

Next row: purl 2 tog to end of row (8sts)

Draw up and sew back seam loosely so there is no ridge to irritate the delicate baby's head.

Large Hat

Materials

18gm red acrylic DK yarn
3.75mm and 4mm needles

What to do:

Cast on 72sts loosely on 3.75 needles
Work 8 rows in K4, P4 rib

Change to 4mm needles and work 16 rows in stocking stitch (1 row K, 1 row P)

Shape crown:

*K6, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row

Next and alternate rows purl

*K5, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row

*K4, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row

*K3, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row

*K2, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row

*K1, K2 tog, repeat from * to end of row (18sts)

Next row: P2 tog to end of row (9sts)

Draw up and sew back seam loosely so there is no ridge to irritate.