

## Cotton Stretchy Baby Hat

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**Yarn:** One ball of Cascade Fixation (enough for probably 2 hats) 98.3% cotton, 1.7% elastic (I think elann.com's "Esprit" yarn is the same kind of thing and comes in solids and variegated colors)

**Needles:** Size 9 – 16" circular needle (optional) and Size 9 dpn's

**Finished size:** unstretched = 12-inch circumference at rolled edge, very stretchy! Here is one on my nephew the day after he was born - it was a little big, but fit him for a long time:



This hat can be modified however you want! I've made it with a 2x2 ribbed edge as well as the plain stockinette stitch that easily rolls into a brim. This pattern is just for the plain stockinette stitch edge.

## Pattern:

Cast on 60 st. loosely. Place marker after last stitch and join to first stitch in the round, being careful not to twist knitting. If using a circular needle, the stitches will be really spread out and taut, but as you start knitting every round, they will ease up and not be taut.



Knit every round until hat measures 4 inches.

### Decrease:

Mark the beginning of the round with a stitch marker (safety pin). Switch to dpns (4 needles – stitches on 3 and one to knit with). To switch, begin at the start of the round and use the first dpn to knit 20 (1/3 of total) stitches, continue with second dpn, knitting the next 20 stitches, and finally the 3rd needle to knit final stitches off of the circular needle.



Round 1: \*K8, K2tog\* repeat to end.

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Round 3: \*K7, K2tog\* repeat to end

Round 4: Knit all stitches

Round 5: \*K6, K2tog\* repeat to end

Round 6: Knit all stitches

Round 7: \*K5, K2tog\* repeat to end

Round 8: Knit all stitches

Round 9: \*K4, K2tog\* repeat to end

Round 10: \*K3, K2 tog\* repeat to end

Round 11: \*K2, K2 tog\* repeat to end

Round 12: \*K1, K2tog\* repeat to end

Round 13: K2tog repeat to end

There should be 6 stitches left.

Cut yarn, leaving 6-9" tail, thread end on tapestry needle.

Start at beginning of round and remove stitches from dpns with tapestry needle onto the yarn tail. Pull yarn tail like draw string to close up the top when all stitches are off dpns. Pull tail through to wrong side of hat and weave into hat.



Finish by weaving in all "tails" of yarn.

Enjoy!!

