

Fixie Hat

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When Sebastian was born, we had lots of cute head covering options. But newborns have super tiny, often long, ever-changing, ever-rounding heads that seem to need a different hat every day. The usual cotton "receiving hats" don't give or cling nearly enough, often swiveling around and riding up.

The fixie hat clings so this won't happen. It's super cute, and even if it only fits for a few weeks the effort is not lost on parents who have experienced the ill-fitting so-called "newborn" hats from the store.



NOTES

- Thank you to knitters Betti and Courtney for pointing out an error in an earlier version of this pattern. The error has been fixed in this document.

YARN

Cascade Fixation (50g, 100 yards, Cotton/Polyester), Color A 1 ball and Color B 1 ball, or 1 ball of a single color for a solid hat. Yarn note: Elann.com also sells a similar yarn called Esprit in a wide range of colors.



NEEDLES

1 set 4.5 mm US size 7 needles

GAUGE

18 sts = 10 cm (4 inches) with work slightly stretched. The hat will need to stretch a bit further to fit, so do not fully stretch the work when checking for gauge. Adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge. If your gauge is different, your hat will be a different size.

INSTRUCTIONS

With color A, cast on 30 stitches very loosely, without stretching the yarn much. It's hard to not stretch this yarn, and to be consistent with your tension. Take care to make a loose cast-on as best you can.

Row 1 (RS): K2, [p2, k2] to end.

Rows 2 through 5: Repeat row 1.

Row 6 (WS): Purl.

Row 7 (RS): Knit.

Switch to color B and work in stockinette stitch, switching colors as follows.

Always start a new color on a RS row, and carry the other color up the edge by twisting at the beginning of every RS row. Work:

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 6 rows

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 6 rows

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 12 rows

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 6 rows

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 6 rows

Color B, 6 rows

Color A, 2 rows

(If knitting a solid color hat, simply work stockinette stitch for 74 rows.)

Work ribbing (as in beginning of pattern) for 5 rows.

Bind off very loosely, without stretching the yarn much.

Fold in half, and stitch up the sides using mattress stitch.

Wrap 2 strands of yarn around 4 of your fingers about 15 times, tie *tightly*, and cut to make a floppy pompom. Make another. Attach to the corners, and enjoy!