Itty Bitty Hat

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If you're looking for a quick and easy hat pattern for little ones – here it is. You can make the hat in a solid color or use up your left over bits of yarn in stripes, either random or orderly.

Size, Finished Dimensions and Yardage:

	To Fit Size	Finished Hat Circumference	Finished Hat Height	Approximate Total Yardage
Small	newborn to 6 months	12 1/2"	6 1/2"	80 yd
Medium	6 to 9 months	14"	7 1/4	90 yd
Large	12 to 24 months	16"	8"	100 yd

Directions will be shown in the pattern as follows small [medium, large]

Gauge: 4 ½ stitches per inch (2.5 cm)

Yarn: Any worsted or Aran weight yarn that can be knit to the gauge shown. The yarn used to make the hats in the photo is Dream in Color Classy (100 % merino, 250 yds/4 oz).

Needles and Notions:
US Size 7 (4.5mm) 16" circular needle* or size required to achieve gauge
US Size 5 (3.75mm) 16" circular needle* or two sizes smaller than size used to achieve gauge
Size 7 (4.5mm) double point needles
Circular stitch marker
Yarn needle for weaving in ends
*Smaller size hats can be worked on a 12" circular needle or entirely on double point needles

Abbreviations and Techniques

K Knit
P Purl
K2tog Knit two together - Insert the right needle knitwise into the next two stitches on the left needle. Knit these two stitches at the same time as if they were one stitch.
*** *** Directions between asterisks such as *K2, p2* are repeated over and over to the end of the round or until a specified number of stitches remain.

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Stripe Sequence
The stripe sequence is entirely up to you! The hat can be made in one color, with orderly stripes (say, four rows per color) or in random stripes. The hats in the photo were all made using leftover bits of yarn from Tulip Sweater kits. The stripe was finished when the yarn ran out.

HAT DIRECTIONS
Using smaller needle, cast on 56 (64, 72) stitches. Join in the round being careful not to twist use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of the round (slip marker on each round).
Round 1: *K2, p2*; repeat from * to * to end of round.
Continue round 1 until length from cast on edge is approximately 1".

Hat Body:
Change to larger needle and continue in stockinette stitch (knit every stitch). Continue working in stockinette stitch until length from cast on edge is approximately
4 ½" (5", 5 ½"].

Shape Top:
Work decreases to shape the crown of the hat. **Notice that the larger sizes require more rows to decrease their greater number of stitches. If you are making one of the smaller sizes then skip the rows that don't apply to your hat.** Switch to double pointed needles when the stitches will no longer fit comfortably around the circular needle.

Round 1 for size large only: *K7, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 64 stitches remain. (Skip this round for other sizes).
Round 2 for size large only: Knit. (Skip this round for other sizes).
Round 3 for sizes medium and large only: * K6, k2tog *; repeat from * to * until end of round - 56 stitches remain. (Skip this round for size small).
Round 4 for sizes medium and large: Knit. (Skip this round for size small).
From this point all three sizes are knit the same.
Round 5: *K5, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 48 stitches remain.
Round 6: Knit.
Round 7: *K4, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 40 stitches remain.
Round 8: Knit.
Round 9: *K3, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 32 stitches remain.
Round 10: Knit.
Round 11: *K2, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 24 stitches remain.
Round 12: Knit.
Round 13: *K1, k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 16 stitches remain.
Round 14: Knit.
Round 15: *k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 8 stitches remain .
Round 16: *k2tog*; repeat from * to * until end of round, 4 stitches remain.

To finish the hat, cut the yarn leaving a tail at least 8" long. Using a yarn needle thread the tail through the remaining stitches and pass through the hole in the top of the hat to the inside. Pull the tail firmly to close the hole and weave the ends into the stitches on the inside of the hat to secure.

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Optional I-Cord Knot Transfer stitches to a double pointed needle. Knit all 4 stitches. At the end of the row instead of turning the needle to start a new row, push stitches from left side of needle to right side of needle. Start the new row, pulling the yarn across the back of stitches to work the first stitch and knit all 4 stitches. Continue in same fashion, pushing the stitches back across needle at the end of each row. Within a few rows the knitting will begin to form into a tube. Work I-cord for approx. 2” to 3” depending on length of knot desired. Bind off four stitches and cut yarn. Work yarn invisibly into cord. Tie into knot.

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