

# Baby Hat

**Size:** To fit 6 Months (and older students)

Finished Circumference: 17 inches

Needles: Size 5 (Directions call for straight needles, but circular works too)

**Rolled hem:** Cast on 75 stitches. Work in stockinette stitch for 10 rows. K next row, increasing 10 stitches evenly across, to 85 stitches.

P 1 row. Continue in St stitch until piece measures 5 inches (7 1/2 inches is more realistic for older kids) from beginning, end with wrong side row.

**Shape top:** *Next row (RS):* \*K2, k2 together; repeat from \*, end with k1 - 64 stitches. Work 1 row even (purl).

*Next row:* \*K2, k2 together; repeat from \*, end k0 - 48 stitches.

Work 1 row even.

*Next row:* \* K2, k2 together; repeat from \*, end k0 - 36 stitches.

Work 1 row even. K2 together across next row, end - 18 stitches. P 2 together across next row. K next row, decrease to 6 stitches. Place those 6 stitches on double pointed needles. Work I-cord on dpn as follows: K 6, \* slide stitches to beginning of needle to work next row from right side and K6; repeat from \* for 3.5 inches. Bind off. Tie I-cord in knot.

OR~ When down to 6 stitches, continue st stitch for another 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches and tie off. Pull down into seam.

OR~ Tie off when you are reduced to 6 stitches.

**Finishing:** Sew back seam, reversing seam on first 10 rows of stockinette stitch for rolled edge. Weave in all loose ends.