

Vine Lace Baby Hat

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Take a lovely yarn, cast on some stitches, and work a simple (Yes, really! Would we lie to you?) lace stitch for a few inches. Then work some decreases, pull the yarn through the final stitches, and you're done! It's hard to resist making baby hats, especially when they are this easy—and when the results look so adorable on cute baby heads. What's not to love?

☆ FINISHED SIZE:

12 (12½, 13)" [30.5 (31.5, 33 cm)] head circumference, and 5 (5⅞, 5¼)" [12.5 (13, 13.5) cm] tall from lower brim to top of crown. To fit a preemie (newborn, 3-6 months). Hat shown measures 12½" head circumference.

YARN:

Preemie and 3-6 months: Lana Grossa Cool Wool 2000 (100% superfine merino wool; 175 yd [160 m]/50 g): *Girl's hat:* #452 pink. *Boy's hat:* #488 olive green. 1 ball will make 2 hats (either size). **Newborn:** Mountain Colors Bearfoot (60% superwash wool, 25% mohair, 15% nylon; 350 yd [320 m]/100 g): mountain twilight. 1 skein will make 2 hats.

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NEEDLES:

For premie (newborn, 3-6 months): Size 2 (3, 4) [2.75 (3.25, 3.5) mm]—set of 4 or 5 double-pointed needles (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS:

Marker (m); tapestry needle.

GAUGE:

For premie (newborn, 3-6 months): 27 (26, 25) sts and 34 (32, 30) rnds = 4" in pattern stitch worked in the round, unstretched.

SKILL LEVEL:

Intermediate. 

STITCH GUIDE:

S2kp2: Slip 2 sts as if to k2tog, knit the next st, pass both slipped sts over st just worked—2 sts dec'd.

Vine Lace: (multiple of 9 sts)

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: *K1, yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo; rep from * to end.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: *Yo, k2, ssk, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; rep from * to end.

Repeat Rnds 1-4 for pattern.

Note: Be careful not to drop any yarnovers that occur at the ends of the needles.

CAP:

CO 81 sts. Divide sts evenly on 3 dpn (27 sts each needle), place marker (pm), and join for working in the rnd. Work in Vine Lace pattern (see Stitch Guide) for 3" (7.5 cm), ending with Rnd 4 of pattern. Dec for crown as foll:

Odd-numbered Rnds 1-15: Knit.

Rnd 2: *K1, yo, k2, s2kp (see Stitch Guide), k2tog, k1, yo; rep from * to end—72 sts.

Rnd 4: *Yo, k1, ssk, s2kp, k1, yo, k1; rep from * to end—63 sts.

Rnd 6: *K1, yo, k1, s2kp, k2tog, yo; rep from * to end—54 sts.

Rnd 8: *Yo, ssk, s2kp, yo, k1—45 sts.



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Whoopsie! See the cute pink baby hat? See the whopping mistake in the crown about six rounds down from the top? Yeah, baby. When I knitted this sample, I screwed up Big Time and did not notice it until someone handed me an 8x10 glossy of my error, blown up for all the world to see. The instructions are correct, so follow them and your decreases will line up perfectly.

Rnd 10: *K1, yo, sl 2 sts tog kwise, k2tog, pass both slipped sts over new st just made, yo; rep from * to end —36 sts.

Rnd 12: *K1, s2kp, yo; rep from * to end —27 sts.

Rnd 14: *S2kp, yo; rep from * to end —18 sts.

Rnd 16: [Ssk] 9 times—9 sts rem.

Rnd 17: Knit.

Break yarn, leaving a 10" tail. Thread tail on tapestry needle and pull through rem 9 sts. Pull tight to close top of cap, and fasten off on WS. Weave in loose ends. Block. ✨

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