

# Knitting in the park



THE APPRES SKI for Babies

# You'll Need

### TOOLS

Y**arn:** Premier Anti-Pilling Yarn - 1 Skein Yarn Weight: Worsted, medium or #4

### Needles:

US Size 5/3.5mm DPNs for newborn and 3-6 months US Size 5/3.5mm Circular Needle for larger sizes Darning Needle for finishing Optional Pompom Stitch marker

### ABBREVIATIONS

CO: Cast On STS: Stitches K: Knit K1TB: Knit next stitch through the back K2Tog: Knit two stitches together P2Tog: Purl two stitches together C4F: Cable 4 Front (See Below) M1L: Make 1 Left

## Pattern Notes

### Sizing:

Newborn - 14 inch circumference and 5.5 inches tall 3-6 Months - 17 inch circumference and 6.5 inches tall 6-12 months - 18 inch circumference and 7 inches tall 12 months - 3 years: 19 inch circumference and 7.5 inches tall

P2Tog: Purling two stitches at the same time. Insert your needle into the next two stitches and purl them.

K2Tog: Knitting two stitches at the same time. Inert your needle into the next two stitches and knit them.

### \*\*Helpful Hints: How to Knit a Cable\*\*

C4F: Put the first 4 stitches on a cable needle and hold at the front of the work, knit the next 4 stitches, and then knit the 4stitches from the cable needle.

**M1L**: Drop down two rounds below the stitch on your right hand needle. Pick the left bar of this stich up and knit it.

# Pattern Notes Cont'd

### **Folded Brim**:

The following patterns give instructions for a simple, short brim. But there are a few options if you'd like to customize this important section of the hat.

### **Fitted Brim**:

If You'd like the brim to be a bit more snug or fitted, use a US size 3 knitting needle (DPNs or Circulars depending on the size of the hat. When you finish knitting the brim, transfer your stitches onto the US size 5 knitting needle either by knitting them or slipping them onto the larger needle.

### Folded Brim:

If you'd like to be able to fold the brim and retain the fit of the hat you have two options. You can follow the pattern instructions and either, knit double the row count for the brim; or you can knit an additional cable section in the body of the hat. The choice is yours.

The reason for the choice is function vs fit. Knitting a longer brim will make this section of the hat warmer, or more fitted. If you knit the extra cable section in the body of the hat, you make the hat itself longer and can extend the amount of time the child will fit into the hat.

### Customizing the fit of the hat:

This pattern uses repeats of 12 stitches. If you find you need to adjust the size of the hat, you'll need to work in multiples of 6, or 12 (making sure your total number of stitches is divisible by 12). You could also adjust the stitch count in the repeat by removing purls or adjusting the number of stitches in the cables.

### **Pompoms**:

This hat is designed to work with a pompom, but the choice is yours. You can opt for no pompom, a yarn pompom, or a faux fur pompom. I like the faux fur pompoms because I make them so that they can be removed easily for washing. Tassels or yarn pompoms fall apart in the wash.



Cast On: 84 Stitches Using DPN

Join in the round. Make sure that none of the stitches are twisted. Place Stitch marker to denote the beginning of a round.

### Brim:

Rounds 1-8: \*KITB, P1\* Repeat until end of the round

### **Begin Cable Section**:

Round 1: \*P4, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 5: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 6: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 7: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 8: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round

### **Body of the Hat**:

Repeat the cable section 4 times (total), the hat will measure about 5 inches tall

### **Decrease Section**:

Round 1: \*P2Tog, P2Tog, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P2, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P2Tog, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*K2Tog\* Repeat to last stitch, K1.

Break Yarn, thread through remaining stitches and knot.

# **3-6** Months

Cast On: 96 Stitches Using DPN or Circulars

Join in the round. Make sure that none of the stitches are twisted. Place Stitch marker to denote the beginning of a round.

### Brim:

Rounds 1-10: \*K1TB, P1\* Repeat until end of the round Set Up Round: \*K4, M1L\* (120 Stitches total)

### **Begin Cable Section**:

Round 1: \*P4, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 5: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 6: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 7: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 8: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 9: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round

**Body of the Hat:** Repeat cable section 4 times total, 5 if you'd like to fold the brim over. The hat will measure about 5-6 inches tall.

### **Decrease Section**:

Round 1: \*P2Tog, P2Tog, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P2, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P2Tog, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*K2Tog\* Repeat to last stitch, K1.

Break Yarn, thread through remaining stitches and knot.

# **6-12** Months

Cast On: 108 Stitches Using Circular Needle

Join in the round. Make sure that none of the stitches are twisted. Place Stitch marker to denote the beginning of a round.

### Brim:

Rounds 1-12: \*K1TB, P1\* Repeat until end of the round Set Up Round: K6 \*K4, M1L\* Repeat to last 6 STS, K6 (24 new stitches created for 132 Stitches total)

### **Begin Cable Section**:

Round 1: \*P4, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 5: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 6: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 7: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 8: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 9: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round

### **Body of the Hat:**

Repeat cable section 4 times total, 5 if you want to fold the brim over. Hat will measure about 6 inches tall

### **Decrease Section**:

Round 1: \*P2Tog, P2Tog, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P2, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P2Tog, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*K2Tog\* Repeat to last stitch, K1. Round 5: \*K2Tog\* Repeat to last stitch, K1.

Break Yarn, thread through remaining stitches and knot.

# 1-3 Years

Cast On: 120 STS using Circular needle

Join in the round. Make sure that none of the stitches are twisted. Place Stitch marker to denote the beginning of a round.

### Brim:

Rounds 1-16: \*K1TB, P1\* Repeat until end of the round Set Up Round: \*K5, M1L\* (144 stitches total)

### **Begin Cable Section**:

Round 1: \*P4, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 5: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 6: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 7: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 8: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 9: \*P4, K8\* Repeat to end of round

**Body of the Hat:** Repeat cable section 5-6 times (6 times will make the hat long enough that you can fold the brim for the younger year or two). The hat will measure about 7.5 inches tall

### **Decrease Section**:

Round 1: \*P2Tog, P2Tog, C4F\* Repeat to end of round Round 2: \*P2, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 3: \*P2Tog, K8\* Repeat to end of round Round 4: \*K2Tog\* Repeat to last stitch, K1.

Break Yarn, thread through remaining stitches and knot.