

# Down by the Seashore Preemie Hat

small preemie with med, large preemie  
adjustments for larger sizes in parenthesis

needed:

- ♥ dpns or circular needles – 3.5 mm (US 4)  
or size necessary to achieve gauge
  - ♥ approx 1/4 oz sport weight yarn in 3 colors  
shown with MC (aqua), C1 (pale green), C2 (white)
- gauge: 12 st/17 r = 2" in stitch pattern

*all yarn requirements are approximate*

## abbreviations:

MC: main color	p: purl
Cx: each contrasting color	p2tog: purl 2 sts together as one
k: knit	rnd(s): round(s)
k3tog: knit 3 sts together as one	sl st: slip stitch
m1: make one stitch by lifting the bar between the just worked st and the next st and knitting into the back loop	st(s): stitch(es)
	yo: yarn over

yarn used : Bernat Baby Softee (pale green/white), Red Heart Baby Sport (aqua)



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## stitch pattern:

(multiple of 9)

- 1: k around
- 2: \*[k1, m1] 3x. [p2tog] 3x. repeat from \* around
- 3 & 4: with C1, k around
- 5: with C2, p around
- 6: k around
- 7: \*[p2tog] 3x. [k1, m1] 3x. repeat from \* around
- 8 & 9: with C1, k around
- 10: with C2, p around

## instructions:

### ribbing (puffy rib):

with MC cast on 54 (63, 72) and split evenly among needles. join, being careful not to twist.

- 1: p1, \*k1, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1
- 2: p1, \*yo, k1, yo, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1.
- 3 & 4: p1, \*k3, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1.
- 5: p1, \*k3tog, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1.
- 6: p1, \*k1, p2. repeat from \* around. end p1.

### crown:

work stitch pattern 3 times (or until desired crown depth is reached)

## decreases:

work 1st two rnds MC, 2nd two rnds with C1, and finish with C2

- ♥ \*p4 (5, 6), p2tog, repeat from \* to end
  - ♥ \*p3 (4, 5), p2tog, repeat from \* to end
  - ♥ \*p2 (3, 4), p2tog, repeat from \* to end
- continue in progression, working one less st between decreases, until 7 sts remain.

## finishing:

- ♥ cut 6" tail and thread through remaining loops twice.
- ♥ pull tight. take through inside and secure. Clip.
- ♥ weave in all ends.
- ♥ add a loopy topper, if desired

## loopy topper:

- ♥ select a hook appropriate for the yarn weight. leave a 6" tail before you create the slip knot. ch 15 - 20 (depending on the size of the finished hat and weight of the yarn).
- ♥ sl st into the slip knot at the other end to make 1 loop. Repeat 3 or 4 more times to create a base.
- ♥ ch 12 - 15 (a little shorter than the base loops) and sl st into the center of the hat and bottom of one of the loops in the previous rnd to attach. repeat 4 or 5 times.
- ♥ after attaching the last loop, clip, leaving another 6" tail and drawing it to the underside of the loops.
- ♥ draw the two tails to the inside of the hat (using a crochet hook) on opposite sides of where you closed the hat, so it holds well. Tie them on the inside -- 2 or 3 knots -- and then weave the tails a few times to ensure they are securely attached.

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