# **Plaited Baby Hat**

adjustments for larger size in parenthesis

## materials & gauge:

- (a) dpns or circular needles 3.25mm (us 3) or size necessary to achieve gauge
- Fingering weight yarn: preemie large: MC: 55 yards

newborn: MC: 65 yards

gauge: 14 st/ 19 r = 2" in stockinette

all yarn requirements are approximate

#### techniques & abbreviations:

**k:** knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one
k3tog: knit 3 stitches together as one
p: purl
rnd: round
s2kp: slip 2 sts together and knitwise.
knit next st. pass slipped st over new

s2pp: slip 2 sts together and knitwise.
purl next st. pass slipped st over new purl st and off of the needle.
ssk: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit together through the front loops (a left-leaning decrease)

sl: slip
st(s): stitch(es)

## **yo:** yarn over

## inset stitch pattern:

knit st and off of the needle.

(7 stitch, 4 row repeat - chart below)

1: p1, k2, yo, k1, ssk, p1.

2/4:p1, k5, p1.

3: p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k2, p1.

#### instructions:

with MC, cast on 62 (71). Join to form a circle. Be careful not to twist! to adjust, st count should be a multiple of 9 + 8.

ribbing (7 rnds) :

- 1: [k2, p1] 6x, place a marker. p8. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 2: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker. p8. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 3: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker. k7, p1. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 4: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker, work **inset stitch pattern rnd 1**. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 5: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker. work **inset stitch pattern rnd 2**. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 6: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker. work **inset stitch pattern rnd 3**. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.
- 7: k2, p1. repeat from \* to marker. work **inset stitch pattern rnd 4**. \*k2, p1 to end of rnd.

#### CrOwn:

(9) k to marker, work inset stitch pattern rnd 1. k to end of rnd.

work around in established pattern until hat measures 2 ½" from ribbing, or desired height less 2" for de-

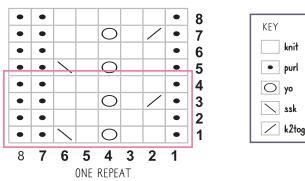
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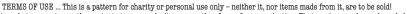
End having worked an rnd 4 of the stitch pattern.

#### decreases:

- k to marker. work inset stitch pattern rnd 1. k to end of rnd.
- 2: [k7, k2tog] 2x, p1, k7, p1. \*k2tog, k7. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog. (64 sts)
- 3: k to marker. work **inset stitch pattern rnd 3**. k to end of rnd.
- 4: [k6, k2tog] 2x p1, k7, p1. \*k2tog, k6. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog. (57 sts)
- 5: k to marker. work **inset stitch pattern rnd 1**. k to end of rnd.
- 4: [k5, k2tog] 2x p1, k7, p1. \*k2tog, k5. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog. (50 sts)

## Plaited Inset Chart





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- k to marker. work inset stitch pattern rnd 3.
   k to end of rnd.
- 6: [k4, k2tog] 2x p1, k7, p1. \*k2tog, k4. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog, (43 sts)
- 7: k to marker. p1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, p1. \*k to end of rnd. (38 sts)
- 8: [k3, k2tog] 2x, p1, k5, p1. \*k2tog, k3. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog, (31 sts)
- 9: [k2, k2tog] 2x p1, s2kp, p1. \*k2tog, k2. repeat from \* to end of rnd. End k2tog, (22 sts)
- 10: [k1, k2tog] 2x s2kp. \*k2tog, k1. repeat from \* to end of rnd End k2tog. (13 sts)

#### finishing:

- Out 6" tail and thread through loops
- 9 Pull tight, weave through inside to secure and clip ends.
- (3) weave in ends at cast on edge.