Striped Ribs Hat

sizes: baby/toddler/child
(adjustments for larger sizes in parenthesis)

approximate yardage:

child - 80 yards/40 yards CC

toddler - 70 yards MC/40 yards CC

baby - 60 yards/ 30 yards CC

gauge (unstretched, in ribbed pattern):

worsted: 4″ = 20 st/24 rows

chunky: 4″ = 18 st/22 rows

abbreviations:	
CC - contrasting colour	*rnd(s):* round(s)
k: knit	*ssk:* slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops
MC - main colour	
ndl(s): needle(s)	*st(s):* stitches
p: purl	

pattern info by size:

	yarn weight	needle size	ribbing circumference relaxed/stretched	# stitches to cast on
child	chunky	4.25 & 4.5 mm-US 6 & 7	20″/24″	96
toddler	worsted	3.75 & 4.25 mm/US 5 & 6	18″/22″	88
baby (6-12 mo)	worsted	3.75 & 4.25 mm/US 5 & 6	16″/ 20″	80

basic pattern:

note: because of the colorwork, there is significantly less elasticity in the ribbing than usual

Cast stitches, with smaller needles, according to the size chart.

♡ Join into a circle, being careful not to twist.

♡ 12 (14, 16) rnds: k2 with MC, p2 with CC

DESIGNER'S TIP: *when working colorwork patterns in the round and the spans between color changes are 3 stitches or less, first work the round in one color (slipping the stitches for the "other" color) then repeat for the 2nd color. Be sure there is ease in the yarn when carrying it behind the slipped stitches, especially when working ribbed patterns.*

♡ with MC and larger needles, k around

♡ 2 rnds: with CC, p arounds. clip CC

♡ with MC, p around decreasing 2 (4, 0) stitches evenly. 78 (84, 96) stitches remain

♡ k around for 10 (12, 15) rounds or until hat is about 2″ from desired finished size, including ribbing.

decreases:

row 1: *ssk, k 11 (12, 14). repeat from * around.

row 2: *ssk, k 10 (11, 13). repeat from * around.

row 3: *ssk, k 9 (10, 12). repeat from * around.

row 4: *ssk, k 8 (9, 11). repeat from * around.

row 5: *ssk, k 7 (8, 10). repeat from * around.

row 6: *ssk, k 6 (7, 9). repeat from * around.

row 7: *ssk, k 5 (6, 8). repeat from * around.

row 8: *ssk, k 4 (5, 7). repeat from * around.

row 9: *ssk, k 3 (4, 6). repeat from * around.

row 10: *ssk, k 2 (3, 5). repeat from * around.

row 11: *ssk, k 1 (2, 4). repeat from * around.

row 12: *(toddler/child only)* s*sk, k0 (1, 3). repeat from * around.

row 13: *(child only)* *ssk, k0 (0, 3). repeat from * around.

break MC, leaving a 12" tail.

finishing:

♡ weave through remaining loops.

♡ tie off and weave in ends.

♡ add your favorite topper