

NICU hats:

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in bright cheerful colors.
- US 10.5 (6.5mm) straight needles (hat is knit flat, then seamed)
- Tapestry Needle

Sizing:

- 11"-12" circumference

Gauge:

- 14 Stitches and 19 Rows = 4 inches

Abbreviations:

- CO - Cast On (I used the long tail cast on and left an extra long tail for seaming up later.)
- BO - Bind off (knitwise)
- KFB - Knit front and back of stitch
- K2tog – Knit two stitches together

Roll Brim Hat:

CO 40 sts (leave an extra long tail for seaming up later)
Work in stockinette until hat measures 6" from CO edge.

Decrease:

Row 1: K2, K2tog across row

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, K2tog across row

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: K2tog across row

Using tapestry needle, break yarn leaving a long tail. Thread through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Seam up the back and weave in ends.

Ribbed Brim Hat:

CO 40 sts (leave an extra long tail for seaming up later)
Work 6 rows of K2, P2 ribbing
Switch to stockinette until hat measures 5" from CO edge.

Decrease:

Row 1: K2, K2tog across row

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, K2tog across row

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: K2tog across row

Using tapestry needle, break yarn leaving a long tail. Thread through remaining stitches and pull tightly. Seam up the back and weave in ends.

Flower Appliqué:

Looks equally lovely for baby girls in a contrasting color or in same color as hat.

CO 5 sts.

Row 1: KFB each st (10 sts)

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: KFB each st (20 sts)

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: KFB each st (40 sts)

BO and attach to hat.