



Eva's Hat

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This lacy little hat is great for the baby who doesn't seem to like hats. It's easy to put on her head, and so loose and stretchy that even a persnickety little one seems to hardly notice it. Slightly flared brim helps keep breeze and sun out of baby's face, and ribbon can be tightened, loosened, or strung to tie under the chin.

Difficulty level

Easy to Intermediate

Size S(M,L)

Small - newborn to 3 months

Medium - 3-9 months

Large - 9-18 months

Yarn

Use any sock or fingering weight yarn

Needles

Two size 3 circular needles, any length will do (or 1 size 3 circular needle 16" or shorter plus a set of size 3 double-points)

Crochet hook (if doing a provisional cast-on with crochet chain)

Gauge

Approximately 14 stitches and 16 rows per 2" in stockinette stitch (not critical)

Additional materials

Scrap yarn if doing crochet chain provisional cast-on

Stitch markers

Ribbon or other trim for hat band

Abbreviations

k-knit

st-stitch

k2tog – knit 2 sts together as if on

k2tog tbl = knit 2 together through the back loop

dec = decrease

inc = increase

sl = slip

yo = yarn over

... = repeat instructions within asterisks specified number of times

Cast on

Cast on 88(104/120), using the provisional cast-on method of your choice and waste yarn. There are several methods of doing provisional cast-ons, but this video illustrates [a particularly slick technique](#).

Hat brim

Put a stitch marker at beginning of round and knitting in the round, knit 9(10/12) rows.

Scalloped edge to turn hem: *k2, k2 tog, yo* to end.

Knit 9(10/12) rounds.

Combine cast-on stitches with stitches on needles as follows: Put provisional cast-on stitches on a second circular needle. Then sl 1 st from first needle, 1 st from the second needle, alternating this way until all sts are combined on 1 needle.

Next Row: k2tog to secure hem and decrease stitches on needle from 176(208/240) to 88(104/120).

Eyelet rows

Next row: (Note: this row will further decrease number of stitches from 88(104/120) to 66(78/90)):

k2tog, k2tog, yo to end.

Next row: Knit

Adjust to number of stitches needed for pattern rows

Knit next row, dec 2(inc 2/inc 6) stitches evenly to bring the total number of stitches to 64(80/96); as you knit this row, place stitch markers after each 16 stitches to mark each repeat of pattern.

Pattern: Climbing Leaf – worked in the round on multiple of 16 stitches

*Row 1 (right side): *yo, k5, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k5, yo, k1* to end

Row 2: knit

Row 3: As Row 1

Row 4: knit

Row 5: *k2tog tbl, k5, yo, k1, yo, k5, k2tog, k1*

Row 6: knit

Row 7: As Row 5

Row 8: knit*

All sizes

Repeat the above *Pattern* a total of 3(3/4) times.

Begin decreasing for crown in the next repeat of pattern, maintaining pattern, as follows:

Row 1 (right side): *yo, k5, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k5, yo, k1* to end

Row 2: knit

Row 3: As Row 1

Row 4: knit

Row 5: *k2tog tbl, k3, k2 tog, yo, k1, yo, k2 tog, k3, k2tog, k1* to end (each 16-st section will be decreased to 14 st)

Row 6: knit

Row 7: k2tog tbl, k4, yo, k1, yo, k4, k2tog, k1.

Row 8: knit

Row 1: *yo, k2 tog, k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k2, k2 tog, yo, k1* to end (each 14-st section will be decreased to 12 st)

Row 2: knit

Row 3: *yo, k3, k2tog, k1, k2 tog tbl, k3, yo, k1* to end

Row 4: knit

Row 5: *k2tog tbl, k1, k2 tog, yo, k1, yo, k2 tog, k1, k2tog, k1* to end (each 12-st section will be decreased to 10 st)

Row 6: knit

For size small

Do an eyelet row as follows:

Next row: *K2 tog, k2tog, yo* to end (reduces number of stitches from 40 to 30)

Next row: Knit

K2tog to end (reduces number of stitches from 30 to 15)

Final row: *k2tog, k1* to end (10 stitches remaining)

Break yarn, leaving a tail. With yarn needle or crochet hook, run tail through remaining 10 stitches and pull together to close up crown.

Weave in any yarn ends.

Run a ribbon or trim through brim eyelet row.

For size medium

Row 7: k2tog tbl, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, k1

Row 8: knit

Row 1: *yo, k2 tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k2 tog, yo, k1* to end (decreases repeated stitches from 10 to 8) (you should have 32(40/48) knit stitches remaining)

Row 2: knit

Row 3: *yo, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k1, yo, k1* to end

Row 4: knit

Do an eyelet row as follows:

Row 5: *K2 tog, k2tog, yo* to end (reduces number of stitches from 40 to 30)

Row 6: Knit next row

Row 7: *K2tog* to end (reduces number of stitches from 30 to 15)

Row 8: Knit next row

Final row: *K2tog, k1* to end (10 stitches remaining)

Break yarn, leaving a tail. With yarn needle or crochet hook, run tail through remaining 10 stitches and pull together to close up crown.

Weave in any yarn ends.

Run a ribbon or trim through brim eyelet row.

For size large

Row 7: k2tog tbl, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, k1

Row 8: knit

Row 1: *yo, k2 tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog tbl, k2 tog, yo, k1* to end (decreases each 10-stitch section to 8 st)
(you should have 32(40/48) knit stitches remaining)

Row 2: knit

Row 3: *yo, k2tog, k2, k2tog tbl, k1, yo, k1* to end

Row 4: knit

Do an eyelet row as follows:

Row 5: *K2 tog, k2tog, yo* to end (reduces number of stitches from 48 to 36)

Row 6: Knit next row

Row 7: *K2tog* to end (reduces number of stitches from 36 to 18)

Row 8: Knit next row

Final row: *K2tog, k1* to end (12 stitches remaining)

Break yarn, leaving a tail. With yarn needle or crochet hook, run tail through remaining 12 stitches and pull together to close up crown

Weave in any yarn ends

Run a ribbon or trim through brim eyelet row

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