

## Baby Octopus Hat – Hatchling Size

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### Tools and Materials:

#5 needles in your favorite configuration for working in the round -

Double-pointed needles, one 40" circular for the magic loop method or two circular needles

Lightweight yarn - CYCA Yarn weight #3 – DK/Light worsted. Look for the words “baby yarn,” or a yarn that suggests a gauge of 24-26 stitches for 4 inches.

Stitch marker

### Notes:

This pattern can be easily scaled up by using thicker yarn and larger needles, as well as adding more stitches before and after the octopus chart is worked.

### Stitches:

K: knit

P: purl

K2tog: Knit two stitches together as if they were one.

KB: Place bead. Stop before this stitch. Take a tiny crochet hook and place it in the hole of the bead.

With the hook, grab the stitch that is ready to be knit and pull it through the bead. Put the stitch back where you got it – on the left hand needle, ready to be knit – and knit it as usual.

Cast on 64 stitches and join to work in the round. Place marker to mark beginning of round.

Knit two rows, purl one row, knit three rows – this establishes the bottom border. You are now ready to begin the chart. Knit 16 stitches, work through the chart, and then knit 16 stitches to the end of the round. Remember to start from the bottom right working right to left. The 16 stitches on either side make it so the octopus is on the front and the beginning of the round is in the back of the hat.

### Written directions:

Row 1: K16, (k 13, p2, k4, p3, k10), K16

Knit all even-numbered rows.

Row 3: K16, (k11, p3, k4, p2, k12), K16

Row 5: K16, (k5, p3, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3, p3, k7), K16

Row 7: K16, (k3, p2, k2, p2, k2, p2, k4, p1, k3, p2, k1, p2, k6), K16

Row 9: K16, (k8, p2, k3, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k10), K16

Row 11: K16, (k8, p2, k4, p2, k1, p1, k1, p1, k4, p2, k6), K16

Row 13: K16, (k10, p10, k1, p2, k5, p1, k3), K16

Row 15: K16, (k4, p5, k2, p9, k1, p2, k5, p1, k3), K16

Row 17: K16, (k3, p2, k4, p13, k10), K16

Row 19: K16, (k3, p1, k7, p12, k5, p1, k3), K16

Row 21: K16, (k6, p5, k2, p6, k3, p3, k1, p2, k4), K16 *placing beads if desired where shown on the chart*

Row 23: K16, (k6, p2, k5, p7, k4, p2, k6), K16

Row 25: K16, (k7, p2, k4, p7, k12), K16

Row 27: K16, (k14, p5, k13), K16

Row 29: K16, (k14, p5, k13), K16

After working octopus pattern in either chart or written directions, knit 2 rows even. Decrease in the following sequence:

K6, k2tog around (56 stitches) Knit one round even.

K5, k2tog around (48 stitches) Knit one round even.

K4, k2tog around (40 stitches) Knit one round even.

K3, k2tog around (32 stitches)

K2, k2tog around (24 stitches) K1, K2tog around (16 stitches)

K2 tog the next round.

Cut yarn and thread tail through remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in both ends. Place on adorable baby!

