

Cheryl's Four-Heart Baby Hat

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

One 16" circular needle and double-pointed needles for the top, one 40" circular needle for the magic loop method or two circular needles

Cast on 64 stitches and join to work in the round. Place a marker for the beginning of the round.
Knit two rows, purl one row, knit two rows – this establishes the bottom border.

You are now ready to begin the chart. Work through the written directions once *or* the attached chart twice, remembering to start from the bottom right working right to left.

Written directions for the heart chart:

Row 1: k9, (p1, k15 – 3 times) to last 7 stitches, p1, k6

Knit all even-numbered rows.

Row 3: k8, (p3, k13 – 3 times) to last 8 stitches, p3, k5

Row 5: k7, (p5, k11 – 3 times) to last 9 stitches, p5, k4

Row 7: k6, (p7, k9 – 3 times) to last 10 stitches, p7, k3

Row 9: k5, (p9, k7 – 3 times) to last 11 stitches, p9, k2

Row 11: k4, (p11, k5 – 3 times) to last 12 stitches, p11, k1

Row 13: k3, (p13, k3 – 3 times) to last 13 stitches, p13

Row 15: Repeat as for row 13

Row 17: Repeat as for row 13

Row 19: k4, (p5, k1, p5, k5 – 3 times) to last 12 stitches, p5, k1, p5, k1

Row 21: k5, (p3, k3, p3, k7 – 3 times) to last 11 stitches, p3, k3, p3, k2

After working heart pattern in either chart or written directions:

Knit 2 rows even. Decrease as follows.

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) Knit one round even.

K2, k2tog around (24 stitches) Knit one round even.

K1, K2tog around (16 stitches) Knit one round even.

K2 tog each stitch for the next two rounds. Cut yarn and thread tail through remaining stitches. Pull tight and weave in both ends.

Feel free to adapt this pattern as you go by adding or subtracting rounds as you see fit.

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