

## Preemie Hat

### *Basics and Suggestions*

Use soft, machine washable yarn. Cast on LOOSELY to avoid a tight, constricting edge. If in doubt, add a few extra rows on caps. They can be turned up if they're too long. Use partial skeins of soft leftover yarns. Combine colors in stripes of varying width or Fair Isle patterns. Seasonal colors, pastels, football team colors, bright colors, etc. are appropriate. Wash items that become soiled while knitting. Avoid fabric softeners, perfumes or sachet. Package hats, booties, etc. in plastic bags or tissue paper to keep them clean. Keep pairs of booties or sets together with strand of yarn tied into a bow. Do not use safety pins. Hats are needed in all sizes from the size of a lime to larger than normal for full term babies so gauge doesn't have to be perfect. To attach a satin ribbon bow to the top of a the, thread ribbon onto a tapestry needle. Weave in and out of the top of the hat. Tie bow.

### *Hat Size Guidelines:*

Full-Term: Circ.: 10 ½"; length = 6" to 6 ½"  
X-Large Preemie: Circ.: 9"; Length = 5 ½"  
Large Preemie: Circ.: 8"; Length = 4 ½" to 5"  
Medium Preemie: Circ.: 7"; Length = 4" to 4 ½"  
Small Preemie: Circ.: 6"; Length = 3 ½" to 4"  
X-Small Preemie: Circ.: 5 ½"; Length = 3 ½"

### **Seamless Preemie to Full Term Cap Pattern**

*In fingering and sport wt*

Sport yarn directions in []

With #3 [#5] dp needles, for XS(S,M,L,XL, Full Term).

Cast on 44(48,56,60,68,72)[36(44,48,56,60,68)] sts evenly divided.

Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 3 (3 ½, 4, 4 ½, 5, 6)".

Next round: K2 tog., P2 tog. around.

Next round: Knit.

Next round: K2 tog. around.

Next round: Knit.

Next round: Knit 2 tog. around.

Thread needle and draw up rem. Sts. End off.