

February Baby Beanie

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This sweet little hat is inspired by Elizabeth Zimmermann's classic Baby Sweater on Two Needles (aka February Baby Sweater) from EZ's Knitter's Almanac. The beanie has a very simple construction, using the gull lace stitch described in the sweater pattern. The decreases are worked in a lace pattern that continues almost to the crown, and the whole thing is topped off with a cute little i-cord antenna.

Size: Baby (14" head circumference)

Finished Measurements: 14" circumference

Materials:

Pink: approx. 15 g Slackford Studios Lightfoot Sock in Favorite Lipstick

Green: approx. 15 g Araucania Ranco Multi Size US 3 double pointed or circular needles (or size to obtain gauge)

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 5 sts/inch in garter stitch

Directions:

CO 70 sts

Join to work in the round, placing a marker to denote the beg of the round, and work 4 garter st ridges (remember that in the round, garter st is worked by alternating k and p rows), ending with a k row

Begin lace pattern:

Row 1: *k1, k2tog, YO, k1, YO, SSK, k1; repeat from * to end

Row 2: k all sts

Row 3: *k2tog, YO, k3, YO, SSK; repeat from * to end

Row 4: k all sts



Continue to work rows 1-4 of lace pattern until hat measures 3.5" from CO, ending with row 4 of lace pattern.

Begin crown decreases:

Row 1: *k1, YO, SSK, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, SSK, k3, k2tog; repeat from * to end (60 sts)

Row 2 (and all even rows): k all sts

Row 3: *k1, YO, SSK, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, SSK, k1, k2tog; repeat from * to end (50 sts)

Row 5: *k1, YO, SSK, k1, k2tog, YO, k1, sl1, k2tog, PSSO; repeat from * to end (40 sts)

Row 7: *k2, sl1, k2tog, PSSO, k3; repeat from * to end (30 sts)

Row 9: *SSK, k1, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end (20 sts)

Row 11: k2tog around (10 sts)

Row 13: k2tog around (5 sts)

Work 3 rows of 5 sts i-cord

BO all sts

Finishing:

Weave in ends

Put on an adorable baby!

