FREE KNITTING PATTERN

# Knit Newborn Hat with a Top Knot

Worked in the round in 3 sizes: preemie, newborn and 0–3 months

| SKILL LEVEL | SIZES | NEEDLES |
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| Easy | Preemie, newborn, 0–3 mo | 3.5 mm (US 4) dpns |
| **YARN** | **STITCHES** | **TIME** |
| DK, soft cotton or merino | k, p, k2tog, i-cord | 2–3 hours |

## Materials

- DK (#3) yarn: Preemie 87 yd, Newborn 104 yd, 0–3 mo 123 yd
- 3.5 mm (US 4) double-pointed needles (or a 9 in circular plus dpns for the crown), stitch marker, tapestry needle

## Abbreviations

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **k** | knit | **rnd(s)** | round(s) |
| **p** | purl | **dpn** | double-pointed needle |
| **k2tog** | knit 2 together | **st(s)** | stitch(es) |

Gauge: 24 sts and 32 rnds = 4 in in stockinette. Switch to dpns when the sts no longer fit around the circular needle.

## Size Preemie

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| **Cast on** | Cast on 64 sts on 3.5 mm (US 4) double-pointed needles or a 9 in circular. Place a marker and join in the round without twisting. | **(64)** |
| **Rnds 1–6** | *K1, p1*; repeat around (1x1 rib). | **(64)** |
| **Rnds 7–32** | Knit every round (stockinette). | **(64)** |
| **Rnd 33** | *K6, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 34** | Knit. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 35** | *K5, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(48)** |
| **Rnd 36** | Knit. | **(48)** |
| **Rnd 37** | *K4, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 38** | Knit. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 39** | *K3, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(32)** |
| **Rnd 40** | *K2, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(24)** |
| **Rnd 41** | *K1, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(16)** |
| **Rnd 42** | K2tog around. | **(8)** |
| **I-cord** | Slip the 8 sts onto one dpn. K2tog 4 times (4 sts). Do not turn: slide the sts to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn snug across the back and k4. Repeat until the i-cord is 3 in long. | **(4)** |

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| **Finish** | Cut the yarn, thread it through the 4 sts and pull tight. Tie the i-cord in a loose overhand knot, and weave the tail down inside the knot. | |

## Size Newborn

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| **Cast on** | Cast on 72 sts on 3.5 mm (US 4) double-pointed needles or a 9 in circular. Place a marker and join in the round without twisting. | **(72)** |
| **Rnds 1–8** | *K1, p1*; repeat around (1x1 rib). | **(72)** |
| **Rnds 9–34** | Knit every round (stockinette). | **(72)** |
| **Rnd 35** | *K7, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(64)** |
| **Rnd 36** | Knit. | **(64)** |
| **Rnd 37** | *K6, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 38** | Knit. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 39** | *K5, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(48)** |
| **Rnd 40** | Knit. | **(48)** |
| **Rnd 41** | *K4, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 42** | Knit. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 43** | *K3, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(32)** |
| **Rnd 44** | *K2, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(24)** |
| **Rnd 45** | *K1, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(16)** |
| **Rnd 46** | K2tog around. | **(8)** |
| **I-cord** | Slip the 8 sts onto one dpn. K2tog 4 times (4 sts). Do not turn: slide the sts to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn snug across the back and k4. Repeat until the i-cord is 3 in long. | **(4)** |
| **Finish** | Cut the yarn, thread it through the 4 sts and pull tight. Tie the i-cord in a loose overhand knot, and weave the tail down inside the knot. | |

## Size 0–3 mo

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| **Cast on** | Cast on 80 sts on 3.5 mm (US 4) double-pointed needles or a 9 in circular. Place a marker and join in the round without twisting. | **(80)** |
| **Rnds 1–8** | *K1, p1*; repeat around (1x1 rib). | **(80)** |
| **Rnds 9–36** | Knit every round (stockinette). | **(80)** |
| **Rnd 37** | *K8, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(72)** |
| **Rnd 38** | Knit. | **(72)** |
| **Rnd 39** | *K7, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(64)** |
| **Rnd 40** | Knit. | **(64)** |
| **Rnd 41** | *K6, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 42** | Knit. | **(56)** |
| **Rnd 43** | *K5, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(48)** |

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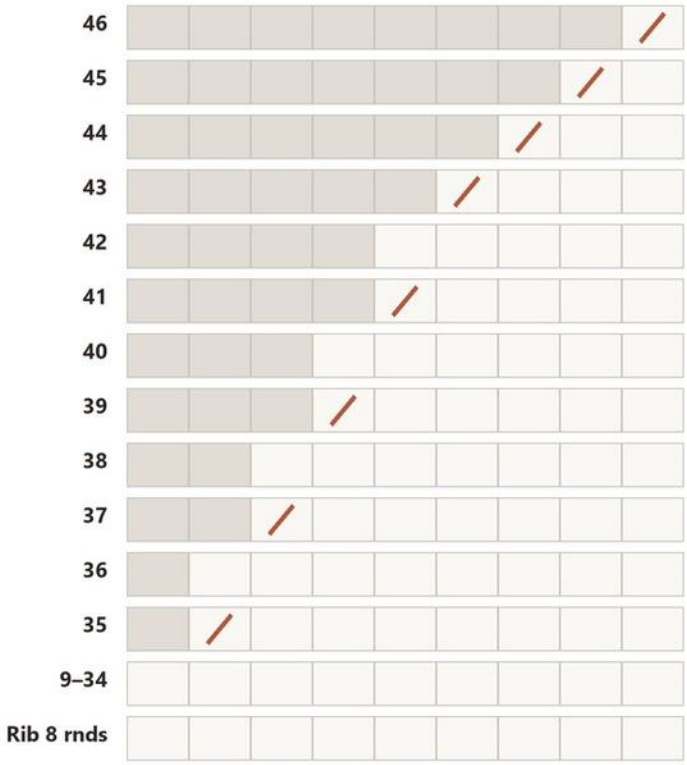
| **Rnd 44** | Knit. | **(48)** |
| **Rnd 45** | *K4, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 46** | Knit. | **(40)** |
| **Rnd 47** | *K3, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(32)** |
| **Rnd 48** | *K2, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(24)** |
| **Rnd 49** | *K1, k2tog*; repeat 8 times. | **(16)** |
| **Rnd 50** | K2tog around. | **(8)** |
| **I-cord** | Slip the 8 sts onto one dpn. K2tog 4 times (4 sts). Do not turn: slide the sts to the other end of the needle, pull the yarn snug across the back and k4. Repeat until the i-cord is 3 in long. | **(4)** |
| **Finish** | Cut the yarn, thread it through the 4 sts and pull tight. Tie the i-cord in a loose overhand knot, and weave the tail down inside the knot. | |

# Knit Newborn Hat (Newborn) · Crown Chart

One of the 8 sections (9 sts). Worked in the round: read every row from right to left, repeat 8 times.




Blank = knit · slash = k2tog · grey = no stitch (already decreased)

Brim: k1, p1 rib all the way around (not per section). Body rounds shown once. I-cord top knot from the last 8 sts

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# Knit Newborn Hat Sizes

DK yarn, 3.5 mm (US 4) needles · gauge 24 sts x 32 rnds = 4 in

| Size | Head | Cast on | Hat width (around) | Height | Yarn |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Preemie** | 11–12 in | 64 | 10.7 in | 5.2 in | 87 yd |
| **Newborn** | 13–14 in | 72 | 12 in | 5.8 in | 104 yd |
| **0–3 mo** | 14–15 in | 80 | 13.3 in | 6.2 in | 123 yd |

The hat is about 1 in smaller than the head so the rib hugs it.

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