

Baby Beret

Circumference: Approx. 18 - 19" [46-48 cm].

Materials: Approx. 1 ball each (approx. 176yd/160m each) of Lana Grossa **Elastico** (96% cotton, 4% polyester Elité) in dark blue (col 11) and dark red (col 23); one set each size 3 and 4 [3.25 and 3.5mm] double-pointed needles [dps].

Note: You will only need approx. 30g of dark red and approx. 10g of dark blue. If you've knitted the baby dress (design 38), you will have enough yarn left over for the beret.

Rib Pattern: k1, p1.

Stockinette st in rounds: k every round.

Gauge: 11.5 sts and 17 rounds = 2" [5 cm] on larger needles.

Beret: With smaller needles and dark blue, cast on 80 sts. Arrange sts evenly on 4 needles – 20 sts per needle. Join for working in the round and work in Stockinette st for 4 rounds. Change to dark red and work in rib pattern for 11 rnds and piece measuring approx. 1½" [4cm] from cast-on. Change to larger needles, work in Stockinette st and shape beret as following:

Round 1: increase [M1] 3 sts evenly on each needle – 23 sts per needle and 92 sts total.

Round 2: work even.

Round 3: increase 2 sts evenly on each needle – 25 sts per needle and 100 sts total.

Round 4: work even.

Round 5: work same as round 3 – 27 sts per needle and 108 sts total.

Work even until piece measures 3" [7.5cm] from rib pattern.

Next decrease round: ktog every 8th and 9th st –96 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 7th and 8th st –84 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 6th and 7th st –72 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 5th and 6th st – 60 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 4th and 5th st – 48 sts.



Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 3rd and 4th st – 36 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: ktog every 2nd and 3rd st – 24 sts.

Next round: work even.

Next decrease round: k2tog around – 12 sts.

Cut yarn, draw yarn end through remaining 12 sts, pull tight and weave in end.

With smaller needles and dark red, cast on 6 sts and work I-cord as following: * k 1 row. Don't turn, slide sts back to right-hand end of needle, with yarn held in back of work, knit next row; repeat from * until piece measures 2" [5 cm]. Bind off. Fold I-cord in half to form a loop and sew to top of hat.