

Knitting for Olive



Baby Bear Bonnet

Sizes : 1 (3, 6, 9, 12 – 18, 24) months, to fit head circumference: approx. 33-37 (36-40, 39-44, 43-46, 46-49, 49-51) cm [13-14½ (14¼-15¾, 15½ -17½, 17-18, 18-19, 19-20)]"

Yarn: 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Merino *or* Cotton Merino *or* Pure Silk (250 m [273 yd] per 50 gr [1.8 oz]), fingering-weight yarn; 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) ball; and 1 strand of Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk; 225 m [246 yd] per 25 gr [0.9 oz]), lace-weight yarn, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) ball

Samples are in size 1 month in Knitting for Olive Merino, Soft Blue colorway and Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, Pearl Gray colorway; and size 3 months in Knitting for Olive Merino, Rose Clay colorway and Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair, Rose Clay colorway

Needles: 3.5 mm / US4 circular and 2 double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 23 sts and 34 rows = 10 cm [4"] in st st with 3.5 mm / US4 needle and 2 strands held together

Notions: tapestry needle, stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, measurement tape

Special techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Baby Bear Bonnet (in Danish):

- German Short Rows:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9encEthft8E&t=19s>
- M1R and M1L increases:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=20s>

Construction notes

The Baby Bear Bonnet is a baby bonnet with cute rounded bear ears.

The bonnet is worked back and forth: you begin at the band, which you can make either in moss stitch or ribbed, and continue in stockinette stitch to the bear ears. The bear ears are shaped at the same time as you work to the crown. You then place the bear ear stitches on hold, and shape the back of the bonnet to the neck, by working short rows and decreases. The bonnet has an I-cord edge and I-cord strings to tie it up.

With 3.5 mm / US4 needle and with 2 strands held together, cast on 51 (55, 59, 63, 67, 67) sts. Do not join work

Choose either moss stitch band or rib band

Moss stitch band

Row 1: (k1, p1) until last st, k1

Repeat Row 1 5 (5, 5, 5, 7, 7) more times

Rib band

Row 1: (k1, p1) until last st, k1

Row 2: p1, (k1, p1) to end of row

Repeat Row 1 and 2 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) more times

Note: Work first and last edge stitches as knit stitches on all rows

Row 1 (WS): K1 (edge st), p to last st, k1 (edge st)

Inc row (RS): K3 (4, 2, 3, 4, 4), *M1L, k3; repeat from * to last 3 sts, M1L, k3 [16 (17, 19, 20, 21, 21) sts increased] = 67 (72, 78, 83, 88, 88) sts

Maintaining first and last edge sts throughout, work 11 (13, 15, 17, 17, 19) rows in st st

Bear ear shaping

Set-up Row (Inc Row): K21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29), pm, M1R, k3 ear sts, M1L, pm, k19 (20, 22, 23, 24, 24), pm, M1R, k3 ear sts, M1L, pm, k21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29) [4 sts increased] = 71 (76, 82, 87, 92, 92) sts

Row 1: K1 (edge st), p to last st, k1 (edge st)

Inc Row: K21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29), sm, M1R, k to marker, M1L, sm, k 19 (20, 22, 23, 24, 24), sm, M1R, k to marker, M1L, sm, k 21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29) sts [4 sts increased] = 75 (80, 86, 91, 96, 96) sts

Maintaining first and last edge sts throughout, repeat Row 1 and Inc Row 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 7) more times [20 (20, 24, 24, 24, 28) sts increased] = 95 (100, 110, 115, 120, 124) sts [17 (17, 19, 19, 19, 21) sts for each ear]

Next Row: K1 (edge st), p to end of row, k1 (edge st)

Shape tip

Row 1: K21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29), sm, M1R, k6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8), k2tog, k1, sl1k, k1, pssso, k6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8), M1L, sm, k 19 (20, 22, 23, 24, 24), sm, M1R, k6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8), k2tog, k1, sl1k, k1, pssso, k6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8), M1L, sm, k21 (23, 25, 27, 29, 29) sts

Row 2: K1 (edge st), p to last st, k1 (edge st)

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 1 more time

Break yarns

Back and neck shaping

Note: Shaping construction requires a slight stitch adjustment between the various pieces that comprise the bonnet, and that adjustment is worked in in the set-up row. After placing ear stitches on hold, short-row and decrease shaping take place at the same time over the remaining side and back stitches. Work double stitches as 1 stitch (see Special techniques)

Set-up and Short Row 1 (RS): Removing markers as you come to them, slip 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 28) sts from left to right needle, place next 18 (18, 20, 20, 20, 22) ear sts on waste yarn, rejoin yarns, k18 (19, 21, 22, 23, 23), sl1k, place next 18 (18, 20, 20, 20, 22) ear sts on waste yarn, k1, pssso, k1, tw [1 st decreased]

Short Row 2 (WS): Ds, p18 (19, 21, 22, 23, 23), sl1p p1, pssso, p1, tw [1 st decreased]

Short Row 3: Ds, k to 1 st before ds, sl1k, k ds, pssso, k1, tw [1 st decreased]

Short Row 4: Ds, p to 1 st before ds, sl1p, p ds, pssso, p1, tw [1 st decreased]

Repeat Short Rows 3 and 4 2 (0, 2, 1, 2, 2) more times [4 (0, 4, 2, 4, 4) sts decreased]

Short Row 5: Ds, k to 2 sts before ds, sl2k, k ds, pssso, k1, tw [2 sts decreased]

Short Row 6: Ds, p to 2 sts before ds, sl2p, p ds, pssso, p1, tw [2 sts decreased]

*Repeat Short Rows 3 and 4 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) more times, repeat Short Rows 5 and 6 1 time; repeat from * 3 more times [32 (40, 40, 48, 48, 48) sts decreased] = 15 (16, 18, 17, 20, 20) sts [3 (3, 3, 2, 3, 3) sts for each side, and 9 (10, 12, 13, 14, 14) sts for back]

Repeat Short Rows 3 and 4 2 (2, 2, 1, 2, 2) more times [4 (4, 4, 2, 4, 4) side sts decreased] = 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 16) neck sts

Break yarns

Finishing

Neck

Set-up Row: With RS facing and 3.5 mm / US4 needle, beginning from front right corner of band, and ending at neck sts, pick up and knit 18 (19, 21, 22, 23, 25) sts from edge along right side of bonnet, k11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 16) neck sts, pick up and knit 18 (19, 21, 22, 23, 25) sts from edge along the left side of bonnet, ending at front left corner of band = 47 (50, 56, 59, 62, 66) neck sts

Break yarns, leaving neck sts on needle

Right I-cord string

With 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needles and with 2 strands held together, cast on 4 sts. *K4, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarns across the back of the sts; repeat from *until string measures approx. 17 (17, 18, 18, 19, 20) cm [7"] = 4 sts, do not break yarns

I-cord neck bind off

Transfer 4 I-cord sts onto right 3.5 mm / US4 needle, placing sts as follows: neck sts, I-cord sts

Next Row: *K3, sl1k, k1, pssso. Slip 4 sts back on left needle; repeat from * until all neck sts are worked = 4 sts

Left I-cord string

Transfer 4 neck sts onto a 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needle, and work left I-cord string the same as right I-cord string, until it measures 17 (17, 18, 18, 19, 20) cm [7"] = 4 sts

Next row: K2tog, k2tog tbl, pass first st over second st, break yarns, and draw tail through last st

Ears

Transfer 18 (18, 20, 20, 20, 22) ear sts onto two 3.5 mm / US4 double-pointed needles, placing 9 (9, 10, 10,

10, 11) sts on each needle

Fold the ear in half, holding the two needles parallel

Starting from the top of the ear, graft sts together using kitchener stitch

Repeat for second ear

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Baby Bear Bonnet!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use hashtag #knittingforolive or tag us @knittingforolive

Abbreviations

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Ds – double stitch (for German short-row technique)

Inc – increase

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

M1L – make 1 new left twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needles, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Lp – make 1 new right twist st on the purl side: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first st on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and purl this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp – make 1 new left twist stitch on the purl side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and purl this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]

Pm – place marker

Sm – slip marker

St/sts – stitch/stitches

St st – stockinette stitch

Tw – turn work (for German short-row technique)