

PetiteKnit

KAREN'S BONNET



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- Sizes:** 0 months (1-2 months) 3-6 months (6-12 months) 1-2 years (2-4 years)
- Fits head circumference:** 34-36 (37-39) 40-43 (43-45) 45-48 (48-50) cm [13½-14¼ (14½-15¼) 15¾-17 (17-17¾) 17¾-19 (19-19¾) inches]
- Gauge:** Smocking stitch: 38 sts = 10 cm [4 inches] on 3 mm [US2½] needles
Stockinette stitch: 28 sts = 10 cm [4 inches] on 3 mm [US2½] needles
- Needles:** Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches]
Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½]
- Materials:** Approx. 19 (21) 24 (27) 31 (38) g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds])

PATTERN

Karen's Bonnet is worked back and forth in smocking stitch from the front edge towards the back. The number of stitches is first increased and then gradually decreased from the front towards the back, so the bonnet fits closely to the head. The back of the bonnet (crown) is worked on double-pointed needles and shaped with decreases. At the end, a drawstring casing is worked along the neck edge.

About increases and decreases

Increases are worked as follows (see video on petiteknit.com):

Pfb: Purl front and back; purl first into the front and then the back of the same stitch.

Decreases are worked as follows:

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together.

Bonnet

Cast on 63 (71) 75 (79) 83 (87) sts on 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needles with your preferred method.

Work back and forth in 1x1 rib, as follows:

Row 1 (WS): K1, *k1, p1*, work from * to * to the last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2 (RS): K1, *p1, k1*, work from * to * to the last 2 sts, p1, k1.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until you have worked a total of 7 rows of rib. The next row is a RS row.

Next row (RS): K1, *p1, insert the right needle between the 3rd and 4th stitch on the left needle, pull the working yarn through to the front (between the two sts) and place the resulting stitch on the left needle, knit the new stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle, pfb, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, p1, k1. There are now 78 (88) 93 (98) 103 (108) sts on the needles.

Next row (WS): K2, *p1, k2, p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Work 2 rows working the sts as they appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts), but knit the first and last stitch of every row (as you did for the ribbing at the beginning).

Next row (RS): K1, pfb, k1, *p2, insert the right needle between the 3rd and 4th stitch on the left needle, pull the working yarn through to the front (between the two sts) and place the resulting stitch on the left needle, knit the new stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle, pfb, k1*, repeat from * to * to the last 5 sts, p2, k1, pfb, k1. There are now 94 (106) 112 (118) 124 (130) sts on the needles.

Next row (WS): K3, * p1, k2 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Work 2 rows working the sts as they appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts), but knit the first and last stitch of every row.

Now work smocking stitch back and forth, as follows:

Row 1: K1, *p2, insert the right needle between the 4th and 5th stitch on the left needle, pull the working yarn through to the front (between the two sts) and place the resulting stitch on the left needle, knit the new stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle, p2, k1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Rows 2–4: Work the sts as they appear, but knit the first and last stitch.

Row 5: K1, p2, k1, *p2, insert the right needle between the 4th and 5th stitch on the left needle, pull the working yarn through to the front (between the two sts) and place the resulting stitch on the left needle, knit the new stitch together with the first stitch on the left needle, p2, k1*. Repeat from * to * to the last 6 sts, p2, k1, p2, k1.

Rows 6–8: Work the sts as they appear, but knit the first and last stitch.

Repeat Rows 1–8 until the work measures 10 (11) 12 (12.5) 13 (14) cm [4 (4¼) 4¾ (5) 5¼ (5½) inches].

Back of Bonnet (crown)

Transfer the sts to 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needles or continue on the circular needles using the Magic Loop technique. Work the back of the bonnet in the round from the RS.

The back of the bonnet is shaped with decreases – it might be useful to cross off the rounds as you complete them, to help keep track of where you've gotten to. Work the back as follows:

Round 1: Work sts in established rib pattern as they appear, but pass the last stitch of the round over the first stitch of the next round (as if binding off). There are now 93 (105) 111 (117) 123 (129) sts on the needles and the work has been joined to continue knitting in the round. Place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round 2: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 3: K1, *p2tog, k1, p2, k1*, work from * to * to the last 2 sts, p2tog. There are now 77 (87) 92 (97) 102 (107) sts on the needles.

Round 4: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 5: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 6: *K1, p1, k1, p2tog*, work from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1, p1. There are now 62 (70) 74 (78) 82 (86) sts on the needles. (*The rib pattern of the round is now k1, p1*).

Round 7: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 8: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 9: *Skp, k1, p1*, work from * to * to the last 2 sts, skp. There are now 46 (52) 55 (58) 61 (64) sts on the needles.

Round 10: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 11: Work the sts as they appear.

Round 12: *K1, skp*, work from * to * to the last stitch, k1. There are now 31 (35) 37 (39) 41 (43) sts on the needles. *(There round is now formed only by knit stitches).*

Round 13: Knit across.

Round 14: *K1, skp*, work from * to * to the last 1 (2) 1 (0) 2 (1) st(s), knit 1 (2) 1 (0) 2 (1) st(s). There are now 21 (24) 25 (26) 28 (29) sts on the needles.

Round 15: Knit across.

Round 16: *Skp*, work from * to * to the last 1 (0) 1 (0) 0 (1) stitch, knit 1 (0) 1 (0) 0 (1) stitch. There are now 11 (12) 13 (13) 14 (15) sts on the needles.

Round 17: *Skp*, work from * to * to the last 1 (0) 1 (1) 0 (1) stitch, knit 1 (0) 1 (1) 0 (1) stitch. There are now 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (8) sts on the needles.

Break the working yarn and pull the tail through the last sts on the needles. Weave in the end.

Drawstring Casing

RS facing, pick up and knit approx. 60 (68) 70 (75) 78 (80) sts along the neck edge with 3 mm [US2½] circular needles. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch for 2 cm [¾ inches] (with the knitted side as the RS). Bind off all sts. Fold the casing over to the WS and sew the bind-off edge discretely to the row between where sts were picked up and the smocking pattern begins to form the drawstring casing.

Work an approx. 50-55 cm [19¾-21¾ inches]-long 3-stitch i-cord and pull it through the drawstring casing.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k	knit
p2tog	decrease; purl two stitches together
p	purl
pfb	increase; purl front and back; purl first into the front and then the back of the same stitch
RS	right side of your work
skp	decrease; slip 1 stitch knit-wise, knit 1 stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work

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