

# Knitting for Olive



## Rail Bear Bonnet

**Sizes:** 1 (3) 6 (9) 12–18 (24) months

**Head circumference:** approx. 33–37 (36–40) 39–44 (43–46) 46–49 (49–51) cm

**Needles:** Circular needle 3.5 mm

**Gauge:** 23 sts x 34 rows = 10 x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on 3.5 mm needles

**Yarn:** 1 strand Knitting for Olive Merino (250 m / 50 g) and 1 strand Soft Silk Mohair (225 m / 25 g).

The model in the picture is knitted in Merino – Mushroom Pink and Soft Silk Mohair – Mushroom Pink

### **Yarn requirements:**

Merino: 50 g – 1 skein

Soft Silk Mohair: 25 g – 1 skein

The Little Rille Bear Bonnet is a beginner-friendly little bonnet with a pixie shape and small bear ears. The bonnet is knitted back and forth in garter stitch with a ribbed edge.

It is worked from the face edge and shaped with wedge decreases at the back of the neck.

The bonnet is finished with a garter edge that continues into ties.

Finally, the ears and the back of the neck are sewn together.

**Tip:** You can use leftover yarn for this bonnet. Approximate yarn usage for each size is:

Merino: about 12–15 (12–15) 17–20 (20–22) 23–24 (24–25) g

Soft Silk Mohair: about 9 (9–10) 10–11 (12–13) 12–13 (13–14) g

## **Bonnet**

### **Rib edge**

Cast on 51 (55) 59 (63) 67 (67) sts on 3.5 mm needles with 1 strand Merino and 1 strand Soft Silk Mohair.  
Work ribbing back and forth.

Row 1 (WS): \*K1, p1\* repeat from \* to \* until 1 st remains, k1.

Work a further 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) rows in rib as the stitches present.

Knit 1 row = RS.

### **Increase row (WS):**

Knit 3 (4) 2 (3) 4 (4) sts, \*make 1 (lift strand before next st and knit it twisted), k3\*; repeat from \* to \* until 3 sts remain, make 1, knit to end.

You now have 67 (72) 78 (83) 88 (88) sts.

Knit 11 (13) 15 (17) 17 (19) rows in garter stitch.

### **Placing markers for ears:**

Next row place 4 markers for ears: K21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29), place marker, k3, place marker.

Knit 19 (20) 22 (23) 24 (24), place marker, k3, place marker.

Knit 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29).

## **Ears**

### **Increase rows for ears:**

Row 1 (RS):

K21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29).

\*Slip marker, make 1, knit to next marker, make 1, slip marker.\*

Knit 19 (20) 22 (23) 24 (24).

Repeat from \* to \*.

Knit 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29).

You now have 71 (76) 82 (87) 92 (92) sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit all sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 another 6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (8) times.

You now have 17 (17) 19 (19) 19 (21) sts between each pair of markers for the ears.

### **Shaping ear tips (increase + decrease):**

Row 1 (RS):

K21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29).

\*Slip marker, make 1, k6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (8), k2tog, k1, k2tog, k6 (6) 7 (7) 7 (8), make 1, slip marker.\*

Knit 19 (20) 22 (23) 24 (24).

Repeat from \* to \*.

Knit 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 (29).

There are still 17 (17) 19 (19) 19 (21) sts between the markers for each ear.

Row 2 (WS): Knit all sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 once more.

Next row: Bind off the 17 (17) 19 (19) 19 (21) sts between each pair of ear markers.  
You now have 61 (66) 72 (77) 82 (82) sts.

Knit 1 row while folding the ear in half and knitting across it to close.

## Neck shaping

Row 1 (RS): \*Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \*, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): Knit all sts.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 another 1 (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) times.

You now have 53 (58) 60 (65) 70 (70) sts.

### Bind-off shaping while decreasing:

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 2 sts, \*knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \*, knit to end. Row 2 (WS): Bind off 2 sts, knit to end.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 another 3 (4) 4 (5) 6 (6) times.

You now have 21 (18) 20 (17) 14 (14) sts.

Row 3 (RS): Bind off 2 sts, \*knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2tog\*. Repeat from \* to \*, knit to end.

Row 4 (WS): Bind off remaining sts.

## Ties

Pick up sts along the neckline as follows:

With RS facing and starting at rib edge on right side, pick up approx. 47 (50) 56 (59) 62 (66) sts along neckline. After last st at bonnet edge, cast on 52 new sts. = 99 (102) 108 (111) 114 (118) sts.

Knit 1 row.

At end of row, cast on another 52 sts.

= 151 (154) 160 (163) 166 (170) sts.

Knit 3 rows.

Bind off all sts up to the tie on opposite side – do not bind off too tightly. Knit to end.

Bind off remaining sts – again, not too tightly.

## Finishing

Sew the back seam: sew from RS, taking 1 st as close to edge as possible on one side, then 1 st on the other side, so there is no bulky seam inside.

Sew ears together.

Weave in all ends.

Wash and block.

Enjoy your knitting!

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