

Bluebird Baby



Cheep Cheep! Cheep Cheep!

This hat was so much fun to create for my beautiful blue-eyed baby. The size listed here is for a baby aged 4-8 months. The baby in this picture is 6 ½ months old.

Skills needed are:

knitting on DPNS
Knitting in the round on a circular needle
Making a bobbin (photo instructions included)
Picking up stitches

Materials needed are:

[\(US\) Size 6 circular needle](#)

[\(US\) Size 6 DPNS](#)

[Worsted weight light blue acrylic yarn](#)

Scraps of [dark blue](#) and light yellow yarn (or the color of your choice for the eyes and beak)

To begin, first make the earflaps:

Cast on 3 stitches, using your dpns. (in this section you will knit on them as if they were straight needles.)

Knit 20 rows, then work as follows:

RS: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1

WS: k5

RS: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1

WS: K7

RS: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3

WS: k3, p3, k3

RS: k3, m1, k3, m1, k3

WS: k3, p5, k3

RS: k3, m1, k5, m1, k3

WS: k3, p7, k3

RS: k3, m1, k7, m1, k3

WS: k3, p9, k3

RS: k3, m1, k9, m1, k3

WS: k3, p11, k3

RS: k3, m1, k11, m1, k3

WS: k3, p13, k3

RS: k3, m1, k13, m1, k3

WS: k3, p15, k3

repeat this process so that you have two earflaps. Keep each earflap on one of the dpns.



To form the hat:

On your circular needles, cast on 14 stitches

Hold the DPN with your first ear flap on it, in your left hand, knit onto the circular needle



Using the working yarn, “make” 24 stitches



Then, hold the DPN that has your second earflap on it, in your left hand, and knit this onto the circular needle.



Place marker, and join to work in the round.



Works as follows:

Row 1: P17, k15, p30, k15, p3

Row 2: k80

Row 3: p 17, k15, p30, k15, p3

(in these rows you will set up for the beak)

Row 4: k45, p1, k2, p1, k31

Row 5: k44, p1, k2, p1, k30

Knit 5 rounds – knit all

(in these rows you will set up the eyes)

Row 11: k40, p2, k10, p2, k26

Knit 10 rounds, then decrease as follows:

K14, k2tog

K all

K13, k2tog

K all

K12, k2tog

K all

K11, k2tog

K all (I switched to DPNS from this round on)

K10, k2tog

K all

K9, k2tog (from this point on, decrease every row.)

K8, k2tog

K7, k2tog,

K6, k2tog

K5, k2otg

K4, k2tog,

K3, k2tog,

K2, k2tog

K1, k2tog

(there should be 10 stitches left)

knit 5 rounds
bind off, cut yarn and tie off.



At this point your work should look like this:



Here is the hat modeled by my lovely assistant:



Now it's time for the finishing!

Eyes:

Hold the work so that bottom opening of the hat is facing away from you. Using a DPN and the darker color of yarn you want for the eyes, pick up two of the purled stitches from Row 11.



Row 1: purl 2

Row 2. Bind off knitwise



Cut yarn and tie off, pull both loose ends through to back of work using a tapestry needle and tie off.



Top feathers:

Using three fingers to hold the dark yarn, measure out 5 loops of yarn, then cut.
Then, use a smaller piece of yarn to tie down the middle of your loops. (see photo)



Cut the loops, to form tassels.

Using tapestry needle, tie the bundle on the inside of the hat, so that the ball is sticking out of the knitted tube at top.



Beak.

Using yellow yarn, pick up the stitches you purl in rows 4 and 5. Also pick up two stitches from the garter stitch border to form the central part of the beak (see photo)

You will have 6 stitches total.



Row 1: purl all

Row 2: ssk, k2, k2tog

Row 3: purl all

Row 4: ssk, k2tog

Row 5: bind off purlwise

Tie off end, then take remaining yarn, and thread it through the tapestry needle.

Thread it along the back of the beak, and attach it through one of the loops in the center. Then, attach it to the front of the hat.





Earflap tassels:

Using the dark color yarn, thread several pieces of yarn through the end of the ear flap. When you have the amount desired, tie them in a knot. See picture:



You're all done! Time to try it on your little bird!

