

# Baby Waves Beanie

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This seamless beanie is a cozy hat for any baby. It is worked in the round either on circular needles or DPNs. Fits head circumference of 15" (a three to six month old, depending on the baby). This is a fantastic project for knitters who are just learning to knit in the round and want to add some dimension and interest to their work.

## Yarns used

YOTH Yarns Big Sister - DK 8ply (80% Merino/10% Nylon/10% Cashmere)

- Any soft yarn that fits the gauge will work fine.
- I love to use a machine washable yarn if possible - much easier for the new parents!

## Yarn weight

Sport / DK/ Light Worsted – just check for gauge!

## Gauge

20 stitches = 4 inches

## Needle size

US 6 - 4.0 mm – DPNs *and* a 12 or 16" circular needle if you'd prefer for the body of the hat (you'll need the DPNs to decrease for the top)

Other Notions Needed

Stitch marker

Yarn needle - for tying in loose ends once finished

Row counter - this will help you keep track of the row you're on for the pattern and once you begin decreasing at the top

Yardage

Approximately 60 yards (55m) or 26g total

Size

15" head circumference and 5" tall (a three to six month old baby, depending on child)

Knitting Abbreviations

CO - cast on

PM - place stitch marker

K - Knit

P - Purl

P2tog - Purl two stitches together

K2tog - Knit two stitches together

()\* - Repeat instructions between parentheses for entire round

Knitting Directions:**Cast On:**

Using DPNs or the 12" circular (the 16" is too long at this point), CO 72 on size 6 needles using your favorite method for a neat, stretchy cast on - long tail cast on is highly recommended. Place a stitch marker and join to knit in the round.

**Brim:**

**Rows 1 -6:** Starting with the first round, (K2, P1)\* for six rounds (approximately one inch). If using DPNs, feel free to switch to circular needles at any point for the remainder of the brim and hat body (the 16" circulars will work after you've knit two or three rounds).

**Hat Body:**

After you've completed Rows 1-6 or approximately one inch of ribbed brim, set-up for pattern.

**Row 7 - Set up round:** (K5, P1)\*

Begin hat pattern using *EITHER* the chart or written instructions below.

**Chart for Pattern:**

12	-					-	-	-					12
11	-				-		-		-				11
10	-			-			-			-			10
9	-		-				-				-		9
8	-	-					-					-	8

**KEY:** Blank square = knit; - in a square = purl

**Written instructions for pattern:**

**Row 8** - (P1, K4, P1, K4, P2)\*

**Row 9** - (K1, P1, K3, P1, K3, P1, K1, P1)\*

**Row 10** - (K2, P1)\*

**Row 11** - (K3, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K3, P1)\*

**Row 12** - (K4, P3, K4, P1)\*

Repeat pattern (Rows 8-12) three more times. Hat will be approximately 3.5 inches from CO edge.

**Decreasing for Top of Hat:**

Begin decreases using *EITHER* the chart or written instructions below.

**Chart for Decreases:**

					12	#	#	12					
				11	#	#	#	#	11				
		10	-	#	#			#	#	10			
		9	-		-	-	-			9			
	8	-	x	x		-			x	x	8		
	7	-			-	-	-				7		
	6	-			-	-		-			6		
	5	-	x	x			-			x	x	5	
	4	-				-	-	-				4	
	3	-			-		-		-			3	
	2	-			-		-			-		2	
	1	-	x	x			-				x	x	1

**KEY:** Blank square inside row numbers = knit; - = purl; x = P2tog; # = K2tog

***Written instructions for decreases:***

**Round 1** - (P2tog, K3, P1, K3, P2tog, P1)\* - 60 stitches remain

**Round 2** - (K1, P1, K2, P1, K2, P1, K1, P1)\*

**Round 3** - (K2, P1, K1, P1, K1, P1, K2, P1)\*

**Round 4** - (K3, P3, K3, P1)\*

**Round 5** - (P2tog, K2, P1, K2, P2tog, P1)\* - 48 stitches remain

**Round 6** - (K1, P1)\*

**Round 7** - (K2, P3, K2, P1)\*

**Round 8** - (P2tog, K1, P1, K1, P2tog, P1)\* - 36 stitches remain

**Round 9** - (K1, P3, K1, P1)\*

**Round 10** - (K2tog, P1, K2tog, P1)\* - 24 stitches remain

**Round 11** - (K2tog)\* - 12 stitches remain

**Round 12** - (K2tog)\* - 6 stitches remain. Remove the stitch marker and cut the yarn leaving a 12-18" tail. With your yarn needle, thread the tail yarn through the remaining stitches and cinch the top closed. Weave in all ends.

Blocking this hat isn't required, but does help the final look of your stitches!

Enjoy!