

# Newborn Hats Knitting Instructions & Patterns

## Supplies:

- Size 6 Needles – American (equals size 8 UK needles)
- Medium Weight (4) Yarn
  - Acrylic yarn or soft cotton blend – not 100% cotton
  - Any colour of hat is welcome

## Instructions:

- Gauge: 4.5 stitches per inch (or 2 stitches per centimeter)
- Cast on 48 stitches
- Work in Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing for 1" (about 6 rows)
- Knit in Stockinette Stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for 3" inches. End with a purl row. Piece will now measure 4" from the beginning.
- Begin Decrease for top of hat: Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (24 stitches) Next Row: Purl across Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (12 stitches) Next Row: Purl across Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (6 stitches)
- Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing up seam. Thread the tail of yarn through a large eye needle and then pull through the stitches to remove them from the needle. Pull stitches tight to gather. Sew seam down side of hat with remaining yarn. Make pom pom and fasten to top of hat.



## Ideas for striped Hats: (MC = Main Color CC = Contrasting Color)

### **Wide Stripe Pattern:**

Do Ribbing in MC  
Then in stockinette stitch:  
4 rows: MC  
4 rows: CC  
4 rows: MC  
4 rows: CC (break off CC)  
2 rows: MC  
Continuing with MC, begin decrease rows and complete the hat.

### **Skinny Stripe Pattern:**

Do Ribbing in MC  
Then in stockinette stitch:  
2 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC  
2 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC  
2 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC  
2 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC (break off CC)  
2 rows: MC  
Continuing with MC, begin decrease rows and complete

### **2 Stripe Pattern:**

Do Ribbing in MC  
Then in stockinette stitch:  
4 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC  
4 rows: MC  
2 rows: CC (break off CC)  
6 rows MC  
Continuing in MC, begin decrease rows and complete the hat.

