

Otis Baby Hat

This little pattern is inspired by the [Milo](#) vest designed by Georgie Hallam. I was looking for a little hat to compliment the vest as a part of a newborn Milo gift set, and so became the Otis Baby Hat!

The hat uses three cable panels so that no matter which way you put it on, it's the right way around, and the cables are offset, just as the cable panel is in the Milo vest. The decreases in the hat are designed to continue the lines of the stocking stitch panels with minimal interference of the cable pattern. The cable design used here is the very easy "Giant Cable" option from the Milo vest, but you could easily use any cable pattern that goes over 8 stitches (allowing you to substitute any of the Milo cable patterns, or your own).



Due to the decrease design, leaving out the cables altogether is not recommended - perhaps try the [Hospital Hat](#) (also a free pattern in Ravelry) if you are after a plain stocking stitch hat.

Size: Newborn (33-36cm head circumference) More sizes will be released soon, with optional ear-flaps and i-cord tie.

Material: 20g of soft 8ply wool or wool blend (eg. Treliske 8ply, Rowan Cashsoft DK) approximately 40m

Needle size: 4.5mm DPNS

Gauge: Approximately 20sts and 34rows to 10cm in stocking stitch, when knitted on 4.5mm DPNS (I find my gauge is tighter on DPN's due to pulling up the first few stiches on each needle, so be sure to test on DPNs)

Abbreviations:

CC – Contrast Colour MC- Main Colour
K – Knit P – Purl
K2tog – Knit 2 together SKPO – Slip one knit wise, k1, pass slipped stitch over
C4F – Place the first 4 stitches on a cable needle (or short DPN) and hold at the front of the work. K4 from the left needle, then K4 from the cable needle.

Giant Cable Pattern

Row 1-3: K8 sts

Row 4: C4F

Row 5-8: K8 sts

Let's Get Knitting!

Cast on 66sts using the cable cast on. If doing contrast stripes, cast on with your CC

Divide the stitches with 22 stitches on each of three needles. If you want to use a contrast colour as shown in the photograph on page 2, use 2 rows CC, 2 rows MC, 2 rows CC.

Round 1: K all stitches.

Round 2: P all stitches.

Repeat Round 1 and 2, twice.

Round 7: (K10, P2, work Row 1 of cable pattern, P2) three times.

Continue following panels as set, working a total of 20 rounds of cable pattern.

Decrease Rounds

Dec Rnd 1: (SKPO, K6, K2tog, P2, work 5th row of cable pattern, P2) three times. (60 sts)

Dec Rnd 2: (K8, P2, work 6th row of cable pattern, P2), three times.

Dec Rnd 3: (SKPO, K4, K2tog, P2, work 7th row of cable pattern, P2), three times. (54sts)

Dec Rnd 4: (K6, P2, work 8th row of cable pattern, P2), three times.

Dec Rnd 5: (SKPO, K2, K2tog, P2, work 1st row of cable pattern, P2) 3 times. (48sts)

Dec Rnd 6: (K4, P2, work 2nd row of cable pattern, P2) 3 times.

Dec Rnd 7: (SKPO, K2tog, P2, work 3rd row of cable pattern, P2) 3 times. (42sts)

Dec Rnd 8: (K2tog, P2, work 4th row cable pattern, P2) 3 times. (39sts)

Dec Rnd 9: (P2tog, P1, SKPO, K4, K2tog, P2) 3 times. (30sts)

Dec Rnd 10: (P2tog, SKPO, K2, K2tog, P2tog) 3 times (18sts)

Dec Rnd 11: (SKPO, SKPO, K2tog) 3 times (9sts)

Dec Rnd 12: K1, (K2tog) to end of round. (5sts)

Cut yarn and run through live stitches. Draw up thread and fasten off. Darn in any loose ends. Wash, block and admire your newborn model!



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