

## **Baby's Bonnet**

For 3 ply wool, use size 12 or 2.75 needles.

For 4 ply, use size 10 or 3.25.

For double knitting, use size 8 or 4.0 needles. The yarn thickness makes a difference to the size.

### **The flap**

Cast on 15 stitches and K 2 rows. Next row – K 7 wool fwd, K 2 tog., K 6. Work 15 rows in garter stitch. Cast off 2 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows (11 stitches). Break wool and leave these stitches on a spare needle.

### **Main bonnet**

Cast on 53 stitches and work 6 rows in K 1 P 1 rib. Next row (eyelet row) – P 1, (wool round needle P 2 tog.) to the end of the

### **Divide for flap**

K 21, cast off 11 stitches, K 20, turn and work on the first 21 stitches.

Row 1 – P 19, K 2

Row 2 – K

Repeat these two rows 5 times and row 1 once more. Break wool and rejoin to the other stitches on the needle. Continue as follows –

Row 1 – K 2, P 19

Row 2 – K

Repeat these two rows 5 times and row 1 once more.

Next row – knit the first 21 stitches, then the 11 stitches from the spare needle, then the last 21 stitches (53 stitches in total). Work 5 rows in st. st.

### **Shape crown**

Row 1 – K 4 (K 2 tog. K5) 7 times

Next and alternate rows – P

Row 3 – K 4, (K 2 tog. K4) 7 times

Row 5 – K 4, (K 2 tog. K3) 7 times

Row 7 – K 2 tog. to the end

Break wool and thread through the stitches, pull up and fasten off.

### **To make up**

Sew up the back seam and stitch a button on the main part to correspond with the buttonhole on the flap. Add crocheted or twisted ties to enable staff to fasten the hat securely to the baby – you will need two ties on each side.

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