

# Baby Earflap Hat



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## Gauge

5.5 stitches = 1"

## Materials

Yarn: Queensland Collection Bebe Cotsoy  
or other DK weight yarn, 110 yards

Needles: US Size 5 (3.5mm) doublepointed  
needles or size needed for gauge  
US Size 5 (3.5mm) circular needle,  
16" (optional)

## Abbreviations

**K** = Knit; **K2tog** = Knit 2 Together; **KFB** = Knit in Front and Back of next st to increase 1 st; **P** = Purl; **RND** = Round; **SSK** = Slip-Slip-Knit (slip 1 st knitwise, slip another st knitwise, return both to left needle, and knit them together through the back); **ST** = Stitch(es); **WS** = Wrong Side; **YO** = Yarn Over.

Hat is worked from the top down, and is easily adjustable to different yarns and gauges.

## Magic Ring Circular Cast-On

Wind yarn twice around the index finger of your non-dominant hand, loosely, and hold the tail in place with the thumb of that hand.

With a double-pointed needle, (K1 into the center of the loop, yo) twice; take another needle and (K1 into the center of the loop, yo) twice.

With third needle, K4; with unused needle, K4. You have 8 stitches, on two needles.

## Increase Section

If desired, transfer stitches to a circular needle when there are enough.

Rnd 1: **First needle:** Kfb in each of first two stitches. With another needle, Kfb in each of next two stitches.

**Second needle:** Kfb in each of first two stitches. With another needle, Kfb in each of next two stitches. You have 16 stitches, on four needles.

Rnd 2: (and all even-numbered rounds):  
K around

Rnd 3: (Kfb, K1) 8 times - 24 stitches

Rnd 5: (Kfb, K2) 8 times - 32 stitches

Rnd 7: (Kfb, K3) 8 times - 40 stitches

Rnd 9: (Kfb, K4) 8 times - 48 stitches

Rnd 11: (Kfb, K5) 8 times - 56 stitches

Rnd 13: (Kfb, K6) 8 times - 64 stitches

Rnd 15: (Kfb, K7) 8 times - 72 stitches

Rnd 17: (Kfb, K8) 8 times - 80 stitches†

†If your gauge suggests that the hat will not be large enough for the intended head, continue to increase 8 times every other round, as above.

## Non-Increase Section

Work even for about 4 inches††, and bind off loosely. Pull tail to close up Magic Ring and secure on inside of hat.

††If you are making a hat for a larger child or adult, you will want to work even for 6-8 inches, or to desired length.

## Earflaps † † †

With double-pointed needle, pick up and knit 15 stitches from **inside** of hat, about 1 inch from bound-off edge.

Row 1: (WS) K3, P9, K3

Row 2: K

Rows 3-10: Repeat these two rows 4 more times.

Row 11: Repeat Row 1.

Row 12: K3, SSK, K5, K2tog, K3

Row 13: K3, P to last 3 st, K3

Row 14: K3, SSK, K3, K2tog, K3

Row 15: Repeat Row 13

Row 16: K3, SSK, K1, K2tog, K3

Row 17: Repeat Row 13

Row 18: K3, SSK, K2tog, K2

Row 19: Repeat Row 13

Row 20: K2, SSK, K2tog, K1

Row 21: K

Row 22: K1, SSK, K2tog – 3 stitches

Do not bind off; do not turn, but work i-cord on these 3 stitches as follows: I-cord is most conveniently worked on double-pointed needles. \*K3; do not turn, but slide sts to right end of needle; repeat from \* until cord measures 8" or desired length. Bind off and run tail into center of cord. Tie an overhand knot at the end of the cord.

With inside of hat facing you, count 13 stitches from left edge of first earflap and pick up and knit 15 for second flap, making sure you are picking up along the same row as for the first flap. Knit second flap and i-cord as above.

† † †Larger hats will require wider earflaps, of course. Add any needed stitches between the 3-st garter borders. Set the second earflap so that when you fold the hat with the one earflap on top of the other, the front edges of the flaps are in line with the center of the hat.