

## Baby Caps (Rex Hospital)



### Directions for Knitting Baby Hats

- Yarn:** One main color and one contrasting color (for all color), 3 ply baby yarn.
- Needles:** Size 6 or 7 (can also use one size up or down, if your knitting is very tight or very loose.)

Cast on 54 stitches of main color. K1, P1 for 16 rows of ribbing.

K one row.

P one row. Join contrasting color and carry it up each row by knitting both colors into first stitch. (Note: Many other combinations are possible – it's up to your imagination.)

K 1 row, P 1 row (stockinette stitch) for 18 rows. Do 2 rows main color, then 4 rows contrasting color (or another pattern of rows of your choice.)

To shape hat:

\*K2 tog., K4\* (repeat \* to \* ending with K4.) 45 stitches

P one row.

\* K2 tog., K3  
\* (repeat \* to \* ending with K3.) 36 stitches

P one row.

\*K2 tog., K2\* (repeat \* to \* ending with K2.) 27 stitches

P one row.

\*K2 tog., K1\* (repeat \* to \* ending with K1.) 18 stitches

P one row.

\*K2 tog., K1\* (repeat \* to \* ending with K1.) 12 stitches. Draw your yarn through 12 stitches and knot. Sew seam  
Make a pom-pom or tassel for top; fold ribbing for cuff. Finished cap (before folding) is about 5 ½ or 6 inches.

**Note:** This cap can also be done on four needles or a round needle set. If so, knit the entire cap rather than purling any rows, since it will be done from the outside and will have no seams to sew.

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