

Preemie Spiral Hat (designed for the Preemie Project on the Internet by Debbie)

Size 9 needles

Worsted-weight yarn (my prototypes are Red Heart Kids, a colorful, variegated yarn, softens when washed)

**If using baby/sport-weight, use smaller needles (try size 6) to make a smaller size hat.

Gauge is unimportant; just knit to size below.

Note: Length knit becomes circumference of the hat when the seam is sewn up.

Size	Cast on stitches	"Knit to" length	Brim to crown (width)
Newborn	30	10 – 10.5"	6 – 6.5"
XL preemie	26	9"	5.5"
L preemie	22	8"	4.5 – 5"
M preemie	19	7"	4 – 4.5"
S preemie	15	6"	4"
XS preemie	12	5.5"	3.5 – 4"

Rows 1 & 2: knit.

Row 3: K2 tog, knit to second to last stitch, increase, knit 1.

Row 4: knit.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 to length given above.

Bind off, leaving a long enough tail to sew seam and gather top of hat.

Sew seam (this will be a diagonal seam), gather top. Add pompom or bow, if desired.

Fold brim up.