

Free Printable Knitting Pattern

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Simple Newborn Knit Hats
{ Great for hospital donations too! }

Easy Knit Newborn Baby Hat

Size 6 Needles – American (equals size 8 UK needles)

Medium Weight (4) Yarn (I like to use a soft yarn like Red Heart Soft)

Gauge: 4.5 stitches per inch (or 2 stitches per centimeter)

Cast on 48 stitches

Work in Knit 1, Purl 1 ribbing for 1" (about 6 rows)

Then knit in Stockinette Stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row) for 3" inches. End with a purl row. Piece will now measure 4" from the beginning.

Begin Decrease for top of hat:

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (24 stitches)

Next Row: Purl across

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (12 stitches)

Next Row: Purl across

Next Row: Knit 2 together across row (6 stitches)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing up seam. Thread the tail of yarn through a large eye needle and then pull through the stitches to remove them from the needle. Pull stitches tight to gather. Sew seam down side of hat with remaining yarn. Make pom pom and fasten to top of hat.

Ideas For Striped Baby Hats

Here are a few ways you can add stripes to the knit newborn baby hat pattern. I find it usually takes me 18 rows to make the 3" body portion of the hat after the ribbing.

Therefore all these stripe patterns are for 18 rows but they are simple patterns that you could easily adjust as needed. I always do the ribbing in the main color, and then proceed on to do the stripes,

Note: *MC = Main Color* *CC = Contrasting Color*

Wide Stripe Pattern:

Do Ribbing in MC

Then in stockinette stitch:

4 rows: MC

4 rows: CC

4 rows: MC

4 rows: CC (break off contrasting color)

2 rows: MC

Continuing in main color, begin decrease rows and complete the hat.



Skinny Stripe Pattern:

Do Ribbing in MC

Then in stockinette stitch:

2 rows: MC

2 rows: CC

2 rows: MC

2 rows: CC

2 rows: MC

2 rows: CC

2 rows: MC

2 rows: CC (break off contrasting color)

2 rows: MC

Continuing in main color, begin decrease rows and complete the hat.



2 Stripe Pattern

Do Ribbing in MC

Then in stockinette stitch:

4 rows: MC

2 rows: CC

4 rows: MC

2 rows: CC (break off contrasting color)

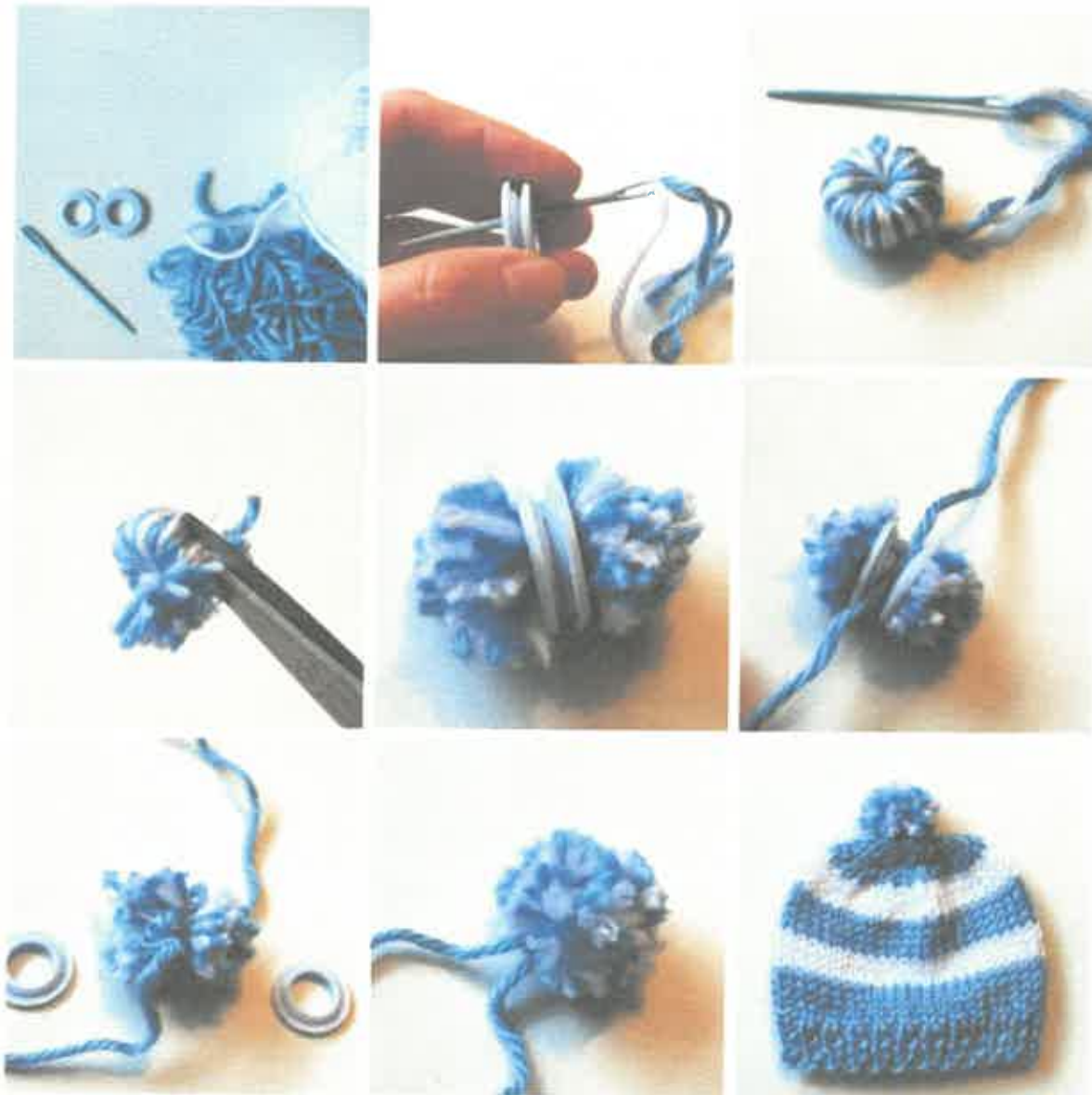
6 rows MC



Continuing in main color, begin decrease rows and complete the hat.

Making the Pom Poms

To finish off the hat with a pom pom, I always use my pom pom maker that I bought at the craft store several years ago. I have the Susan Bates brand pom pom maker, although my old one looks a little different than the version they are selling now.



To use a pom pom maker, you wrap the yarn around two rings of plastic. You then snip the yarn apart around the edges, pull the two rings slightly apart, and tie things together with another small length of yarn. Once it is tied in the middle, you can pull the plastic rings off and fluff up your pom pom.