

Large premature baby (2.25 – 2.7kg)

Hat measures 25.5cms circumference, 12.5cms high

Using 4mm needles and 8 ply yarn, cast on 51 stitches.

1st row: Knit

Repeat this row 7 more times.

9th row: Knit

10th row: Purl

Repeat the last two rows 13 more times.

37th row: *K3, k2tog, repeat from * to last st, k1 (41sts)

38th row: Purl

39th row: *K2, k2tog, repeat from * to last st, k1 (31sts)

40th row: Purl

41st row: *K1, k2tog, repeat from* to last st, k1 (21sts)

42nd row: Purl

43rd row: K2tog across row to last st, k1 (11sts)

Cut the yarn, leaving a 'tail'.

With a yarn needle, pull the yarn through all the remaining loops and secure.

Sew up side seam using mattress stitch and weave in ends.

Ears: (make 2)

Cast on 9 sts.

Rows 1-21: Knit

22nd row: K2tog, k5, k2tog

23rd row: Knit

24th row: K2 tog, k3, k2tog

25th row: Knit

26th row: K2tog, k1, k2tog

Cut yarn, pull the yarn through the 3 remaining loops gently to form sloping top of ear, secure and weave in ends.

Pinch the ear together at the bottom to create a 3-D shape and sew the bottom corners together. Sew both ears closely together at top of hat.

