

Bitty Bit Cuddle Baby Stocking or Elf Cap

A Free Knitting Pattern

Easy – Perfect for Beginners

Materials:

A small amount of:

Fingering weight yarn – size 2.5 mm
needles – dpn &/or circular

OR

Lace weight yarn – size 2 mm needles - dpn &/or circular

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle



Quick note: The pattern begins with i-cord, before switching to knitting in the round. My preference is to use dpn for i-cord, then switch to 24-32" circular, using the magic loop technique, for the rest of the hat. So, this pattern is written using this method. If you prefer to knit with double pointed needles, just divide the stitches onto 3 or 4 needles, instead of 2 described below.

Also, gauge isn't king in this project. If you know you knit extra loose or tightly, you might want to adjust needle size accordingly.

This hat is designed to fit my Bitty Bit Baby doll's head. [Click here to find the free doll pattern.](#)



Stitches you will use for this pattern:

inc 1 - Increase 1 - insert the left-hand needle, from front to back, under the strand of yarn which runs between the stitch just worked and the next stitch on the left-hand needle. Knit this stitch through the back loop.

pm – place marker

kfb - Knit in front and back of the stitch (kfb) turns one stitch into two by knitting into the front and back of the stitch. To work this increase, knit the stitch as usual, but don't drop it off the left-hand needle. Knit the stitch again through the back loop, and then drop it off the needle.

I-cord – Cast on stitches onto a double-pointed or circular needle and knit across normally. Do not turn work. Instead, slide the stitches from one end of the needle to the other.

The yarn is now coming from the far left stitch. Knit the first stitch, pulling the working yarn snugly. Knitting these stitches is normal, except the working yarn is coming from the last stitch in the row instead of the first when you begin knitting this row.

Repeat these steps, pulling the yarn snug at the beginning of each row to insure even stitches.

Let's begin!

Cast on 3 stitches on dpn & knit an i-cord until it measures ½" long.

Now, gradually increase 1 stitch each row while still knitting i-cord. Repeat these 2 rows until you have 8 stitches on your needle.

I-cord row 1 – K1, kfb, k to end

Slide stitches to end of needle

I-cord row 2 - Knit i-cord across all stitches

Kfb into each stitch – 6sts. Continue i-cord until total length is ¾" long.

Next, we begin to knit in the round.



Divide the 8 stitches in half and place 4 stitches on needle 1 (N1) and 4 stitches on needle 2 (N2)

Set up round:

Knit 2, pm, knit 1, M1, pm, k2, pm, k1, m1, pm – end of set up round – 10 sts

Now, knit each round, increasing 1 st, following pattern:

Round 1: Knit to first marker, M1, slip marker & knit to end.

Round 2: Knit to second marker, M1, slip marker & knit to end.

Round 3: Knit to third marker, M1, slip marker & knit to end.

Round 4: Knit to fourth marker, M1, slip marker & knit to end.

Repeat these rounds until there are 24 sts for fingering weight yarn/ 36 sts for lace weight.

Knit 6 rounds or until the hat measures $\frac{5}{8}$ in tall from last increase round

Now, you can either knit ribbing, K1P1

OR

Stockinette (for a rolled edge, as shown in picture on page 1) for 5 rounds.

Cast off loosely & block, if desired.

Place it on your Bitty Bit Baby & send me a pic, pretty please! ☺