Froggy Hat

sized for small with (med/large in parenthesis)

for all sizes:

- white yarn for pom poms, or 2 purchased 11/2" (21/2" for worsted weight yarn) poms
- two 5/8" black shank-style buttons
- a bit of red yarn for smile
- tapestry needle for embroidering mouth and attaching eyes

for preemies and newborns:

5 double point needles - 2.5 (US 1.5) & 2.75 mm (US 2) dk weight yarn - 1 /₂ ounce gauge: 2": 17 st/18 rows

for older babies/toddlers up to 18 months

5 double point needles - 3/25 (US 3) & 3.5 (US 4) worsted weight yarn - 1 ounce gauge:2" = 15 st/16 $\rm r$

all yarn requirements are approximate needle size may need to be adjusted in order to achieve gauge



abbreviations:

k: knit

ndl(s): needles

p: purl

p2tog: purl two stitches together

rnd(s): round(s)

ssp: slip 2 stitches, separately and knitwise. slip them back to the original needle. p2tog through back loops

st(s): stitches

instructions:

ribbing:

with smaller ndls and MC, cast on 60 (72, 84) sts. Split evenly onto 4 ndls and join, being careful not to twist.

- K2, p2 around for 6 (7, 8) rnds and change to larger ndls
- purl around for 25 (28, 32) rnds

decreases:

- ndl 1: p1, ssp, p12 (15, 18) ndl 2: p12 (15,18), p2tog, p1 repeat for needles 3 & 4.
- ndl 1: p1, ssp, p11 (14, 17) ndl 2: p11 (14,17), p2tog, p1 repeat for needles 3 & 4,
- continue in established decrease pattern, decreasing the st count on each ndl by one for each round worked, until 40 (52, 64) total sts remain (10, 13, 16 each ndl)

- purl around
- work 1 decrease round, as established
- repeat the previous two steps until 24 (36, 48) sts remain
- use a 3-ndl bind off, on the outside of the hat, to close the top: tie off and weave in end.

finishing:

Using red yarn, embroider a broad smile between the "cheeks" that are formed by the first set of decreases (see picture for placement) using a simple backstitch, or even running stitch...

- make 2 tight pom poms with white yarn (or use purchased).
 - using white yarn and tapestry needle, thread the yarn up from the "bottom" of the pom, leaving about 6" of tail. loop through the shank on your button and thread back from top to bottom, cutting the 2nd tail to 6".
- pull firmly to nest the button and attach firmly to the pom pom. tie on the underside of the pom. do not cut tails.
- with needle, or crochet hook, thread the tail through the front of the hat to the inside about 1/2" from the top.
- flip hat inside-out and firmly tie the eyes -- 3 or 4 knots each are suggested. clip tails and weave in ends.

Prefer to knit this using circular needles?

easily make the conversion by placing the stitches from Double Points 1 and 2 onto Circular Needle 1, and the stitches from Double Points 3 and 4 onto Circular Needle 2.