

Patriotic Preemie Hat

(based on the Slipped Stripe Hat Pattern)

designer's note: Since I'm in the US, I based this on the US Flag, however it could easily be adapted to other countries' flags -- remove the blue and stars and use red for Canada, just remove the stars for Great Britain, swap the blue and red for Australia, use red/green/white for Mexico or Italy. You get the picture.

abbreviations:

k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together
p: purl
psso: pass slipped stitch over
sl1: slip one stitch purlwise

materials:

preemie sizes - sm (med/lg in parenthesis)

3.5 mm (US 4) double points

DK weight yarn - Red: 1/2 ounce / White: 1/2 ounce/
Small amt of Dark Blue

gauge: 4" = 25 st/36 r in slip stitch design



yarn used in photo: Bernat Baby Softee (white), Dreambaby DK (red/blue)

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slipped stripe pattern:

rnd 1 & 2: with red, s1, k2 around.

rnd 3: with white, k around.

rnd 4 & 5: with red, k1, *s1, k2 around, end s1, k1

rnd 6: with white, k around.

rnd 7 & 8: with red, k2, s1 around

rnd 9: with white, k around.

instructions:

With white and smaller needles, cast on 60 (66, 72) and split among 3 (or 4) dpns (be careful not to twist). Join.

ribbing:

♥ with white p1, k2 around for 3 rows

♥ p1 with red, k2 with white around for 2 rows

♥ with white p1, k2 around for 3 rows

crown:

♥ with white k around

♥ work in slipped stripe design as shown above, until crown of hat is 2 1/2" (2 3/4", 3") including ribbing. finish with row 3, 6, or 9 of stripe pattern. clip red.

♥ with blue, k around

♥ with white p around. clip white.

♥ knit one row with blue.

decreases (worked entirely in blue):

rnd 1: *k8 (9, 10), s1, k1, psso
repeat from * around

rnd 2: *k7 (8, 9), s1, k1, psso
repeat from * around

continue working decreases until 6 stitches remain

finishing:

Cut 6" tail and thread through loops

Pull tight and clip.

Weave in all ends and clip.

With white yarn, embroider a straight-stitch star in each "wedge" of the decrease section (6 stars)

If desired, add a topper such as a pom pom or loops.