

Tot Toppers

Knitting Patterns



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Size: Newborn(Infant, Toddler, Child, Adult Small, Adult Large)
Finished Circumference: 12.5(14.25, 16, 17.75, 19.5, 21.25) inches
Gauge: 18 sts and 25 rows per 4 inches in stockinette
Yarn: Yarn Love Charlotte Bronte-Worsted [100% certified organic merino wool; 240 yards/219 meters per 4.1 ounce/115 gram skein] 1 skein each "Vintner Green" or "Into the Deep" and "Frosted Mulberry" or "Tomato" or 48(55, 60, 75, 85, 95) yards A and 35(40, 45, 58, 65, 75) yards B
Tools: Size 6(4 mm) and size 7(4.5 mm) 16" circular needles and set of size 7 DPNs, stitch marker

Hat

Using B and smaller circular needles, CO 56(64, 72, 80, 88, 96) sts using the long tail cast on method. Place marker and join in a round, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in a 2x2 rib [k2, p2] for 1.5 inches.

Next three rounds: Switch to larger needles and knit all sts.

Next round: Switch to A and knit all sts.

Continue knitting in the round until hat measures 3.5(4.25, 5, 6, 7, 8) inches from end of ribbing or 5(5.75, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5) inches from CO edge.

Crown Shaping

Note: Switch to DPNs when necessary.

Round 1: *K6, k2tog; repeat from * around. 49(56, 63, 70, 77, 84) sts.
Round 2: *K5, k2tog; repeat from * around. 42(48, 54, 60, 66, 72) sts.
Round 3: Knit all sts.
Round 4: *K4, k2tog; repeat from * around. 35(40, 45, 50, 55, 60) sts.

Your little one will love playing dinosaur in this fun spiky hat! It's worked in the round as a simple fold-over rib brim cap. Spikes are knit separately and stitched onto the top of the hat.

Sizing implies stretching for a snug fit, size up if you prefer a looser fitting cap.

Shown in Toddler size.

Matching mittens pattern sold separately.

Round 5: *K3, k2tog; repeat from * around. 28(32, 36, 40, 44, 48) sts.
Round 6: Knit all sts.

Round 7: *K2, k2tog; repeat from * around. 21(24, 27, 30, 33, 36) sts.

Round 8: Knit all sts.

Round 9: *K1, k2tog; repeat from * around. 14(16, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts.

Round 10: *K2tog; repeat from * around. 7(8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts. Cut yarn and thread through remaining live sts. Pull tightly and secure. Weave in loose ends.

Spikes (make 5)

Note: Alternatively, pick up and knit stitches for each spike directly onto the top of the hat. Use Assembly instructions as guide for placement.

Using DPNs and B, CO 16(16, 20, 20, 24, 24) sts leaving a long tail for sewing. Split evenly on 3 DPNs. Place marker and join in a round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Rounds 1 & 2: Knit all sts.

Round 3: *Ssk, k4(4, 6, 6, 8, 8), k2tog, ** place marker; repeat from * to ** around. 12(12, 16, 16, 20, 20) sts.

Round 4 and all even numbered rounds: Knit all sts.

Decrease Round: *Ssk, k to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, sm; repeat from * around.



Repeat Decrease Round every other round 1(1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more times. 4 sts.

Round 11: K2tog twice onto the same DPN. 2 sts. Pass 2nd st over 1st st. Cut yarn and secure. Use yarn needle to pull tail inside spike.

Assembly

Stitch each spike to the top of the hat as follows, using the picture for placement. Use the lines created by crown shaping as guidance to sew each spike on in a straight line. Line up the first 2 spikes on either side of the top center of the hat. Put 2 more spikes on either side of the first 2. The final spike is placed in the line on the back side of the hat. 3 spikes line the back of the hat and 2 spikes line the front.

Finishing

Fold brim over so that ribbing overlaps the color change. You may or may not want to stitch the brim in place. Weave in all loose ends. Try it on, and don't forget to roar!

Variation

Perform color change after first round of knitting after brim, instead of after third. With this option, you can choose whether to fold the brim up or down each time hat is worn. The downside—you may be able to see the color change when brim is flipped up!



Roar Mittens pattern available separately.



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Abbreviations: CC = contrast color; CO = cast on; DPN(s) = double pointed needle(s); K,k = knit; k2tog = knit two sts together; MC = main color; P,p = purl; sm = slip marker; ssk = sl,sl,k these 2 sts tog; sts = stitch(es).