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DESIGNS

HOPE

A knitted hat with directions for five sizes.

MATERIALS:

1 skein Classy by Dream in Color (100% superwash merino wool with 250 yards) Color: VM240 Midnight Derby
US 6 & US 8 circular 16" needles or size needed to obtain gauge
US 8 double point needles (DPN's) (US 6 DPN's also are needed if making the newborn size)
Stitch Marker

SIZES: newborn (baby, child, woman, man) To fit a head circumference 14 (17, 20, 23, 25)"

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 13 (16, 19, 22, 24)"

GAUGE: 20sts = 4" in Stockinette Stitch with larger needles

PATTERN NOTES:

2x2 Rib = *Knit 2 stitches, Purl 2 stitches*, repeat between *'s

~The newborn size will need to be worked on DPN's for the entire hat due to the small amount of stitches.

~Depending on the size you are knitting will determine what round you begin the crown decreases. This is due to the number of stitches on your needle so a decorative pattern can be created for the crown.

DIRECTIONS:

- ~With smaller circular needles cast on 60 (72, 80, 88, 104) sts
- ~Join into the round being careful not to twist stitches, place marker and work in 2x2 Rib for ½ (1, 1, 1½, 1½)".
- ~Switch to larger needles and continue in established rib pattern till hat measures 1 (2, 2, 3, 3½)" from cast on edge.
- ~Knit every round till hat measures 4 (5, 6, 7, 8)" from cast on edge.

CROWN DECREASES: (Switch to DPN's when needed)

Baby, Woman and Man sizes start with Round 5; Newborn and Child sizes start with Round 1.

- Round 1:** *K8, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 2** and every even numbered round: Knit every stitch
- Round 3:** *K7, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 5:** *K6, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 7:** *K5, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 9:** *K4, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 11:** *K3, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 13:** *K2, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 15:** *K1, K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- Round 17:** *K2tog*, repeat between *'s
- ~Cut yarn and weave through remaining sts on needles.
- ~Weave in ends.
- ~Give as a gift to someone special (including yourself).