



sea monkey baby hat by Kelly McClure

This cheeky little hat is adored by babies and their parents, too! Using a ball of dishcloth cotton is economical, machine washable and the fibre is gentle on baby's noggin. Plus, the little ears are just so darn cute!

This hat is knit from the bottom to the crown with a worsted weight cotton. The top seam is either sewn up or grafted together. The ears are formed with the corners and cinched into shape. This hat has three sizes and no visible seam (there is a slightly visible seam on the garter style brim).



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The Technical Stuff

**Skill Level:**

Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: knit, purl, grafting (optional)

Sizes: newborn (0-6 months, 6-12 months)

Gauge:

approx 20 sts and 28 rows = 10 cm in St st on 4.5 mm as given on ball band

approx 18 sts = 10 cm in St st on 5 mm

Yarn: worsted weight dishcloth cotton

Suggested Brand:

1 ball Estelle *Sudz*
100% cotton
74 m per 50 g

or any "dishcloth / crafting" cotton

Needles:

5 mm 30 cm circs (40 cm can be used for 6-12 months size)
5 mm dpns (for grafting - dpns can also be used to knit entire hat instead of circs)
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle; stitch marker

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Sizes: newborn (0-6 months, 6-12 months)

Gauge:

approx 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" in St st on US 7 as given on ball band

approx 18 sts = 4" in St st on US 8

Yarn: worsted weight dishcloth cotton

Suggested Brand:

1 ball Estelle *Sudz*
100% cotton
80 yds per 1.75 oz

or any "dishcloth / crafting" cotton

Needles:

US 8 12" circs (16" can be used for 6-12 months size)
US 8 dpns (for grafting - dpns can also be used to knit entire hat instead of circs)
or size needed to obtain gauge

Other Materials: tapestry needle; stitch marker



Instructions:

Beginning at bottom with circs CO 52 (60, 68) sts with long-tail method (or any preferred method).

Join in the rnd being careful not to twist sts. Pm for beg of rnd. Sl m throughout.

Work either Brim 1, 2, or 3 (see photo on page 1 for examples).

Brim 1 (roll): Knit 6 rnds.

Brim 2 (garter): (P1 rnd, K1 rnd) twice. P1 rnd.

Brim 3 (rib): K2, P2 for 4 rnds.

Change to St st (knit every st) until hat measures approx 5" (5.5", 6") from CO. For roll brim style, measure from the bottom of the roll as it lies - don't unroll it and then measure.

Note: It may seem tall for a baby hat, but when you make the ears, the fabric will gather and the hat will shorten.



Finishing:

Follow the instructions below for grafting or sewing.

Grafting (recommended):

This technique is a bit tricky to master, but it makes the top of the hat look completely seamless. See Resources below for help.

Transfer 26 (30, 34) sts to first dpn and the rest of the sts to second dpn. You are now ready to graft. When you are finished, leave a 10" tail to create the ear.

Note: If you choose to, you can skip using the dpns and graft sts together using your circs and Magic Loop style.

Sewing:

BO all sts and sew the seam at the top shut. Leave a 10" tail to create the ear.

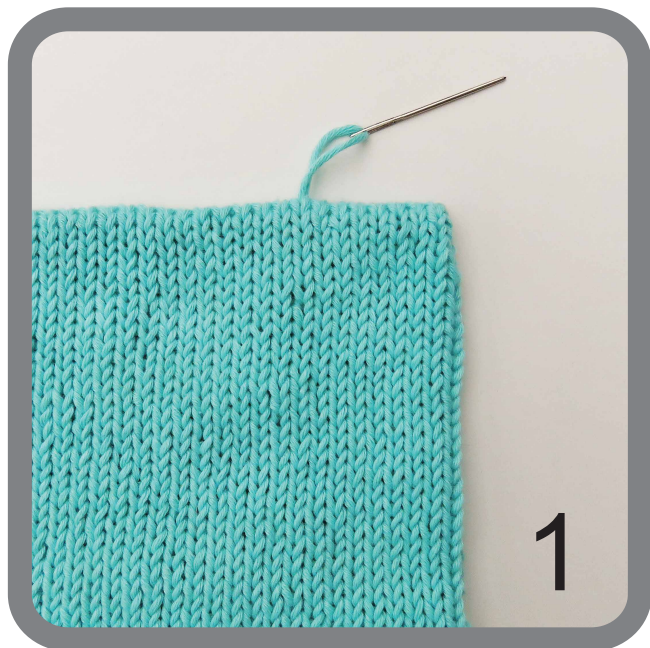
Note: This is an easier method than grafting, but you will have a visible seam at the top of the hat.

Resources:

Grafting

<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>





Ears:

Step 1: Once your seam is closed, thread the tail on your tapestry needle and insert it from the inside approx 3.75 cm / 1.5" from the corner at the top of the hat and pull through.

Step 2: Wrap the yarn tightly around the corner of the hat a few times, pulling the ear into shape as you go.

Step 3: Tie off.

Repeat for the second ear, attaching a piece of yarn at the same point on the opposite side.

Weave in ends (if the ends from your ears are secure, you can just pull them into the ear without weaving them).

approx = approximately

beg = beginning

BO = bind off

BOR = beginning of round

CC = contrasting colour

ch = chain

circ(s) = circular needle(s)

cn = cable needle

CO = cast on

cont = continue

dc = double crochet

dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)

dec(s) = decrease(s)

fol = follow(ing)

hdc = half-double crochet

hk = hook

inc = increase

incl = including

K = knit

K2tog = knit two stitches together (decrease)

Kfb = knit into front and back of stitch (increase)

Ktbl = knit through back loop

kwise = knitwise

lp(s) = loop(s)

m = marker

M1 = make one (increase)

M1L = left slanting increase

M1R = right slanting increase

MC = main colour

P = purl

P2tog = purl two stitches together (decrease)

patt = pattern

pm = place marker

prev = previous

pssso = passover

pu = pick up

pwise = purlwise

rem = remaining

rep = repeat

rev St st = reverse stockinette stitch

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sk = skip

skp = slip one stitch, knit one stitch, pass slipped stitch over knitted stitch (decrease)

sl = slip

sl1k = slip one stitch knitwise

sl1p = slip one stitch purlwise

sl m = slip marker

sp(s) = space(s)

ssk = slip, slip, knit two slipped stitches together (decrease)

sssk = slip, slip, slip, knit all slipped stitches together (double decrease)

st(s) = stitche(s)

St st = stockinette stitch / stocking stitch

tbl = through back loops

tog = together

WS = wrong side

wyib = with yarn in back

wyif = with yarn in front

YO = yarn over

Hope you enjoyed the pattern.
Thanks from Bohoknits!

