

Knit baby helmet

This is a clever little helmet that you'll enjoy making. But you have to pay attention! If you watch what you are doing you can work it out.

You can make a bigger helmet by using a larger ply wool, and larger needles. As well as 4 ply wool and Number 10 UK/ 3.25 mm needles, you'll need a button for the strap. The tension and gauge don't matter.

Cast on 29 stitches and work in backs of stitches for the first row.

Row 1: Knit 1, purl 1 across the row ending knit 1

Row 2: Purl 2 together, then knit 1 purl 1 across the row to the last stitch then knit 1, purl 1 into the last stitch

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Row 27: Purl 1, knit 1 ending purl 1

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Now we have a transition row that turns the shaping:

Row 29: Knit 1, purl 1 across the row ending knit 1

Now continue

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The two short edges formed here will be sewn onto the longer first edge and the ext long edge. They form the back centre part of the helmet.

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Cast off

Chin strap

Cast on 33 stitches

Row 1: Knit 1, purl 1 across the row, working into the back of each stitches.

Row 2: Purl 1, knit 1 across the row.

Buttonhole rows

Row 3: Knit 1, purl 1, knit 2 together, make 1 by passing the wool over the needles, now knit 1, purl 1 to the end

Row 4: Purl 1, knit 1, purl 2 together, make 1 by passing the wool over the needles, now purl 1, knit 1 to the end

Row 5: Knit 1, purl 1 to end

Row 6: Purl 1, knit 1 across the row.

Cast off

Sew a button on each side of the front. Sew the back edges together.