

Not-All-Purple Newborn Hat

This baby hat was designed for the [Period of Purple Crying Program](#) at the [IWK Health Centre](#). The [PURPLE program](#) educates parents about normal infant crying and teaches coping skills in order to prevent [Shaken Baby Syndrome](#). The Not-All-Purple hat sends a message that the 'purple period' is a part of baby's normal development and will pass. The floral motif is created by self-patterning yarn. **Unfortunately, the yarn was discontinued but I will keep the pattern for those knitters who might have it in their stash or will use the pattern with a similar yarn.**



Materials: Bernat Baby Jacquards Florals, colour Petunia, 42m (45yds), 3.25 mm (US#3) and 4 mm (US#6) double-pointed needles, tapestry needle, stitch marker

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

k1-tbl = knit through the back loop

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

sts = stitches

Gauge: 25 sts and 33 rnds over 10 cm (4") in stockinette st with larger needles

Head circumference: 37 cm (14.5 inches), average newborn size.

PLEASE NOTE: The hat's cast-on edge must be very stretchy to fit comfortably over a baby's head. Please follow cast-on instructions.

With **two** smaller needles **held together**, cast on 66 sts starting with the purple section of the yarn. Pull one needle out. Distribute sts evenly on 3 double-pointed needles (22 on each), mark beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist.

Rnds 1-10: k1-tbl, p1.

Switch to larger needles.

Rnds 11-26: Knit.

Shape Crown

Rnd 27: (K9, k2tog) 6 times. (60 sts)

Rnd 28: Knit.

Rnd 29: (K8, k2tog) 6 times. (54 sts)

Rnd 30: Knit.

Rnd 31: (K7, k2tog) 6 times. (48 sts)

Rnd 32: Knit.

Rnd 33: (K6, k2tog) 6 times. (42 sts)

Rnd 34: Knit.

Rnd 35: (K5, k2tog) 6 times. (36 sts)

Rnd 36: (K4, k2tog) 6 times. (30 sts)

Rnd 37: (K3, k2tog) 6 times. (24 sts)

Rnd 38: (K2, k2tog) 6 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 39: (K1, k2tog) 6 times. (12 sts)

Rnd 40: (K2tog) 6 times. (6 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a 15 cm (6") tail.

Using tapestry needle, thread tail through remaining sts and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Sizing tip: change the size by adjusting the cast-on number by 6 sts. The decreases are worked over 6 sections (2 sections on each of 3 needles). Calculate the number of stitches in each section when you start decreasing (Rnd27) and work *knit to last 2 sts of section, k2tog*, in each section, alternating decrease and knit rounds until you have 42 sts left. Then follow the pattern as given, starting from Rnd34.

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