

CARON



# **MATERIALS**

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170.1 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Sizes 5-6 7-9 10-12 pounds Strawberry (0015) 1 1 ball

Note: 1 ball will make approximately 15 (12-8-6) Hats.

Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

**Alt** = Alternate **Beg** = Begin(ning) K = Knit

K2tog = Knit next 2stitches together  $\mathbf{P} = Purl$ 

**Rep** = Repeat **RS** = Right side St(s) = Stitch(es)

**Rem** = Remain(ing)

KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER

## **SIZES**

Preemie 3-4 lbs (Preemie 5-6 lbs -Newborn 7-9 lbs -3 months 10-12 lbs).

### To fit head circumference:

8½ (11-12½-14)" [21.5 (28-32-35.5) cm].

## **GAUGE**

20 stitches and 26 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking stitch.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. *If changes are necessary for larger sizes the* instructions will be written thus ( ). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

Cast on 43 (49-61-71) stitches (sts).

1st row: [Right Side (RS)]. \*Knit 1 (K1). Purl 1 (P1). Repeat (Rep) from \* to last st. 14th row: Purl. K1.

**2nd row:** \*P1. K1. Rep from \* to last st. P1. Rep last 2 rows (K1. P1) ribbing once more.

Beginning (Beg) on a knit row, work in stocking st until Hat from beg measures approximately 13/4 (21/4-23/4-3)" [4.5 (5.5-7-7.5) 4.5 (5.5-7-7.5) cm], ending on a purl row.

**Shape top: 1st row:** (RS). K1. \*Knit next 2 sts together (K2tog). K4 (6-8-8). Rep from \* 6 (5-5-6) times more. 36 (43-55-64) sts.

2nd and alternate (alt) rows: Purl. **3rd row:** K1. \*K2tog. K**3** (5-7-7). Rep from \* 6 (5-5-6) times more. 29 (37-49-57) sts. **5th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K2 (4-6-6). Rep from \* 6 (5-5-6) times more. 22 (31-43-50) sts. **7th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K1 (3-5-5). Rep from \* 6 (5-5-6) times more. 15 (25-37-43) sts.

Sizes 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only:

8th row: Purl.

**9th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K (2-4-4). Rep from \* (5-5-6) times more. (19-31-37) sts.

10th row: Purl.

**11th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K (1-3-3). Rep from \* (5-5-6) times more. (13-25-30) sts.

Sizes 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only: 12th row: Purl.

**13th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K2. Rep from \* (**5-6**) times more. (19-23) sts.

**15th row:** K1. \*K2tog. K1. Rep from \* (**5-6**) times more. (13-16) sts.

All sizes: Next row: Purl.

Next row: \*K2tog. Rep from \* to last 1 (1-1-0) st(s). K1 (1-1-0). 8 (7-7-8) sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Draw end tightly through remaining (rem) sts and fasten securely. Sew center back seam.

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