

Little Shell Lace Baby Bonnet

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A simple to knit and fancy looking baby bonnet. No seam sewing, the shaping is done like turning a sock heel!

Materials Needed

Yarn:

Worsted weight yarn (sport weight for newborn size)
1- 1.75 oz/50 gr skein is more than plenty

Needles:

Size 8 US needles,
(5 US for newborn size)

Notions:

Crochet hook for making chain, if desired
Yarn needle

Note: For warmer and less lacy look (more 'boyish'), simply twist the

yarn over increases when you purl them on the next row after making them in the pattern row. Do this by purling into the back of the yarn over stitch when you come to each yarn over loop. This will make it snug up, and not have as much open lace to the fabric. But note, this will also tighten the gauge a bit, so the bonnet will be a bit smaller. Example is shown on bonnet on the left side of picture above.

Abbreviations:

Sl 1: Slip one stitch purlwise with yarn in proper position for working next stitch

K2tog – Knit 2 stitches together

SSK -- Left slanting decrease done as-Slip a stitch as if to knit, slip the next stitch as if to knit, insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts (now on right hand needle) and knit them together.

yo – yarn over the right-hand needle, to create eyelet increase.

NB--Newborn



Left: Bonnet made
by twisting yo
stitches

Right: Bonnet
made as written in
pattern, with lacier
increases

Both bonnets shown have ties attached
at corners, not threaded through the
eyelet row.

Directions:

Cast on 46 sts loosely (using long-tail cast on preferably), leaving a 3 foot tail (for tie later).

Scalloped Edge:

Row 1 (RS): K1, * yo, K4, slip first 3 of these stitches over 4th stitch*,
repeat to last stitch, yo, K1 (25 sts)

Row 2: K2, inc in each stitch till last two sts, K2 (46 sts)

Next do eyelet row as follows:

Row 3: K1, * yo, K2tog,* repeat till last stitch, K1 (46 sts)

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. (44 sts.)

Row 6: Purl

Main Body of bonnet worked in Little Shell Pattern:

Row 7 (RS): sl 1, K1, *yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K2* to end of row

Row 8: sl 1, Purl to end

Row 9: sl 1, Knit to end

Row 10: sl 1, Purl to end

Rows 11-30: Repeat rows 7-10, 5 more times (4 more times for newborn)-(6 shell sections, or 5 shell sections for newborns, completed)

Shape back of bonnet-now you are ready to “turn” the top as you work down the back of the bonnet, the same as making a Dutch heel (aka square heel):

Row 31 (Newborn row 27): sl 1, K12, K2tog, K1, yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K2, yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K1, ssk, turn (leave 13 sts unworked)

Row 32 (NB 28): sl 1, P14, P2tog, turn (12 sts left)

Row 33 (NB 29): sl 1, K14, ssk, turn (12 sts left)

Row 34 (NB 30): sl 1, P14, P2tog, turn (11 sts left)

Row 35 (NB 31): sl 1, K1, yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K2, yo, P1, P3tog, P1, yo, K1, ssk, turn (11 sts left)

Repeat rows 32-35 (NB 28-31) 6 times, (but you will have one less stitch on each edge after each row), or until no side stitches remain on either side. (16 sts now left on needle, and right side is now facing you)

At end of last decrease row DO NOT turn, instead pick up (from the right side) 13 sts along edge (in the slipped stitch “V”s), stopping before the scalloped front edge. (29 sts)

Next Row: *P2, K2*, till last st, P1. Now pick up 13 stitches along other edge (in the slipped stitch “V”s, from the right side) stopping before the scalloped front edge. (42 sts)

Next Row: *K2, P2*, to last 2 sts, K2

Next Row: *P2, K2*, to last 2 sts, P2

Next 2 Rows: Repeat last 2 rows of ribbing

Cast Off in ribbing, leaving a 3 foot tail (for tie).

Finishing: On each side of the center corner where the ribbing edges and the scalloped edges meet, (you should have a tail end on each side of bonnet-one from casting on if you used long tail cast on, one from casting off), secure yarn into this corner with a few stitches, then use this tail to crochet a chain for ties on each side. Or if you prefer to weave a tie into the eyelet row done after the scalloped edge, just weave in your ends, and then single crochet a chain about 30" long (or use a ribbon), and thread through eyelet row. Either method works fine, but if you do it the first way, it is easier to flip the scalloped edge back if you choose, since the tie isn't running through it.

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