

Jumpers and Hats for the Fish-and-chip babies Knitting Pattern

Baby Jumper Knitting Pattern (Knitted all in one) Approx. 50g DK wool (8ply Acrylic)

Use double knitting wool and 4mm needles, cast on 44 stitches.

Work 18 rows in K2, P2 rib Work 30 rows in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows and at the same time change to K2, P2 rib (for sleeve)

Rib 22 rows in K2, P2 rib

Next row: Rib 21 stitches, cast off 26 stitches, rib 21 stitches (Please cast these stitches off loosely in rib, to allow the neck to stretch over baby's head)

Next row: Rib 21 stitches, cast on 26 stitches, rib 21 stitches (please cast these stitches on loosely, using one size bigger needles if necessary)

Work 22 rows in K2, P2 rib Cast off 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows Work 30 rows in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl) Work 18 rows in K2, P2 rib Cast off. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Baby Beanie Hat Pattern Approx. 20g DK wool (8ply Acrylic)

Use double knitting wool and 4mm needles cast on 64 stitches and work 14 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Work 18 rows in stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)

Shape crown as follows—Row 1: *K6, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (56 stitches)

Row 2 and every alternate following row: Knit

Row 3: *K5, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (48 stitches)

Row 5: *K4, K2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (40 stitches)

Continue decreasing in this manner until (K1 K2tog) has been completed and 16 stitches remain.

Knit 1 row. Break yarn and thread through remaining 16 stitches. Pull up tightly and join Seam.



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Jumpers and Hat for the Fish-and-Chip Babies in Africa

Knitting for the fish and chips babies in Africa. They are so poor that they are sent home wrapped in newspaper which is why they are called fish and chip babies.

The jumpers themselves are very easy to knit and they are knitted in one complete piece. For most knitters they take an afternoon or an evening to complete. They are very important because in Africa, the night are cold and these babies have no clothes.

To Try and reduce the mortality rate, mothers are being given a Mama bag which contains:

- A cotton baby vest,
- A cotton baby grow,
- A knitted hat,
- A knitted cardigan or jumper (Fish and Chip vest acts as a jumper)
- Knitted booties/socks
- A knitted blanket

The only real stipulation is that they are knitted in bright dark colours rather than the pastel shades we may use for babies, (bright stripes look good and use up only small bits of wool). This is because these little garments may never be washed.

Please use acrylic wool 😊