

“Homecoming Hat” Mind of Winter Designs



Griffin at 15 Weeks Old.

I knit this little hat from some pretty yarn leftovers while I was pregnant with Griffin. It was so cute that I decided it would be his coming home from the hospital hat. I'm not really big on dressing babies up for things like that, but the hat seemed like a nice idea to me. Griffin was a little baby – 6 lbs. 14 oz. – so it was too big for him to come home in, but he was able to wear it from about 3 weeks old through 17 weeks old. It was one of my favorite hats to put him in, and I'm so sad that he's outgrown it I may have to make another.

*You can find Griffin's Seeded Rib Pullover in
[Classic Elite Web Letter No. 76](#)*

Skill Level Advanced Beginner

Skills Circular Knitting on Double Pointed Needles
Knit Two Together Decreasing

Sizing Sized to fit a head circumference of up to:
15.5 (16.25, 17, 18, 19, 19.75, 20.5, 21.5, 22.5, 23.25) inches
infant (infant, infant, toddler, toddler/small child, child, child,
adolescent/small woman, woman, man)
SIZING BY AGE IS AN APPROXIMATION
MEASURE RECIPIENT TO ENSURE ACCURATE RESULTS.

Yarn 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) skeins of Classic Elite Summer Set (64%
cotton/19% alpaca/12% polyester/5% tencel) 95 yards/87
meters per skein.
Shown in "Awning," Color 2146

Needles US 6 (4.0 mm) double pointed needles
US 5 (3.75 mm) double pointed needles
OR SIZES NECESSARY TO MAKE GAUGE

Notions darning needle
stitch marker to mark end of round

Gauge 18 stitches and 24 rows per 4 square inches stockinette using
larger needles.

Main Hat

Using smaller needles, CO 68 (72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 100, 104) sts and
join to work in the round, placing 17(18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28) sts
on each of four needles. Place marker to mark round end if desired.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9, 9) rounds, then switch to
larger double-pointed needles.

Continue in pattern, until hat measures about 3.5 (4.25, 4.5, 5.25, 5.75, 6,
6.25, 6.25, 6.5, 6.5) inches in length. (*Make slightly longer or shorter
according to personal preference.*)



Shape Crown

Decrease for crown shaping as follows. After the round when you k2tog all around for the size you are knitting and are left with 8 sts, knit one round even, and then cut the yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Weave the tail through the live stitches using a tapestry needle and pull tightly. Weave in all ends.

K15 (0, 17, 0, 19, 0, 21, 0, 23, 0), k2tog to end. (*i.e., for every other size this will be a plain stockinette row.*)

K6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K3 (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K2 (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even.

K0 (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 1.*

K- (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 2.*

K- (-, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 3.*

K- (-, -, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 4.*

K- (-, -, -, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 5.*

K- (-, -, -, -, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 6.*

K- (-, -, -, -, -, 1, 2, 3), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 7.*

K- (-, -, -, -, -, 0, 1, 2), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 8.*

K- (-, -, -, -, -, -, 0, 1), k2tog to end.

Knit one round even. *End size 9.*

K- (-, -, -, -, -, -, -, 0), k2tog to end.

Finishing

Wash hat gently using a tiny bit of wool wash in cool water. Rinse and lay flat to dry.