Lewis Bonnet

Materials: Worsted weight yarn (appx 70-150 yards) I used Knitpicks Comfy, size 8 (5mm) straight and double pointed needles (or size needed to obtain gauge), cable needle, yarn needle, 5mm crochet hook

Gauge: appx 4sts/inch in stockinette stitch *Gauge is very important!*

Sizes (appx finished head circumference) : newborn (13ins), 3mths (15ins), sitter (16ins), toddler (17ins)

Great provisional cast on tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UeExgbgTOgs
Great i-cord bind off tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ij8aSPnAcjs

I-cord instructions - To make an i-cord cast on 3 sts on double pointed needles. Slide these sts to the right of your needle. Knit the row. Slide the sts to the right of the needle. Knit the row and slide the sts to the right of the needle. Continue in this manner until you reach your desired length, occasionally giving the resulting cord a gentle tug.

Stitch Key:
K – knit   p – purl   k2tog – knit 2 together   sl – slip st
C3L – cable 3 left – sl next st to cable ndl, hold in front, k2, k1 from cable ndl
C3R – cable 3 right – sl next 2sts to cable ndl, hold in back, k1, k2 from cable ndl

Newborn

Provisional cast on 54sts.

Row 1 (wrong side)– k3, [p6,k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 2 – k2, p1, [k6, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 3 – k3, [p2, with yarn forward sl2, p2, k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 4 – k2, p1, [C3R, C3L, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 5 – repeat row 3

Row 6 – repeat row 4

Row 7 – repeat row 1

Row 8 – repeat row 2

Continue working in this 8 row pattern until your work measures appx 4ins from cast on edge. You will now switch to double pointed needles and start working in the round.

Decreases

Round 1 – [k2tog, k4] around (45sts)

Round 2 – knit around

Round 3 – [k2tog, k3] around (36sts)

Round 4 – knit around

Round 5 – [k2tog, k2] around (27sts)

Round 6 – knit around

Round 7 – [k2tog, k1] around (18sts)

Round 8 – k2tog around (9sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx 6-8ins. Pull tail through remaining 10sts. Cast on 3sts on double pointed needles and work appx 8ins of i-cord. Place all of the provisional cast on sts on your straight needle (I like to use a circular needle for this but straight will do) and begin i-cord bind off using the 8ins of i-cord you have already worked. Once all of the bonnet sts have been bound off work an additional 8ins of i-cord with your 3 left over icord sts. Weave in ends.

3 MONTHS
Provisional cast on 61sts.

Row 1 (wrong side)– k3, [p6,k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 2 – k2, p1, [k6, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 3 – k3, [p2, with yarn forward sl2, p2, k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 4 – k2, p1, [C3R, C3L, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 5 – repeat row 3

Row 6 – repeat row 4

Row 7 – repeat row 1

Row 8 – repeat row 2

Continue working in this 8 row pattern until your work measures appx 4.5ins from cast on edge. You will now switch to double pointed needles and start working in the round.

Decreases

Round 1 – k2tog, k59 (60sts)

Round 2 – [k2tog, k4] around (50sts)

Round 3 – knit around

Round 4 – [k2tog, k3] around (40sts)

Round 5 – knit around

Round 6 – [k2tog, k2] around (30sts)

Round 7 – knit around

Round 8 – [k2tog, k1] around (20sts)

Round 9 – k2tog around (10sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx 6-8ins. Pull tail through remaining 10sts. Cast on 3sts on double pointed needles and work appx 8ins of i-cord. Place all of the provisional cast on sts on your straight needle (I like to use a circular needle for this but straight will do) and begin i-cord bind off using the 8ins of i-cord you have already worked. Once all of the bonnet sts have been bound off work an additional 8ins of i-cord with your 3 left over icord sts. Weave in ends.

SITTER

Provisional cast on 68sts.

Row 1 (wrong side)– k3, [p6,k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 2 – k2, p1, [k6, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 3 – k3, [p2, with yarn forward sl2, p2, k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 4 – k2, p1, [C3R, C3L, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 5 – repeat row 3

Row 6 – repeat row 4

Row 7 – repeat row 1

Row 8 – repeat row 2

Continue working in this 8 row pattern until your work measures appx 5ins from cast on edge. You will now switch to double pointed needles and start working in the round.

Decreases

Round 1 – [k2tog, k15] around (64sts)

Round 2 – [k2tog, k6] around (56sts)

Round 3 – knit around

Round 4 – [k2tog, k5] around (48sts)

Round 5 – knit around

Round 6 – [k2tog, k4] around (40sts)

Round 7 – knit around

Round 8 – [k2tog, k3] around (32sts)

Round 9 – [k2tog, k2] around (24sts)

Round 10 – [k2tog, k1] around (16sts)

Round 11 – k2tog around (8sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx 6-8ins. Pull tail through remaining 10sts. Cast on 3sts on double pointed needles and work appx 8ins of i-cord. Place all of the provisional cast on sts on your straight needle (I like to use a circular needle for this but straight will do) and begin i-cord bind off using the 8ins of i-cord you have already worked. Once all of the bonnet sts have been bound off work an additional 8ins of i-cord with your 3 left over icord sts. Weave in ends.

TODDLER/SMALL CHILD

Provisional cast on 75sts.

Row 1 (wrong side)– k3, [p6,k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 2 – k2, p1, [k6, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 3 – k3, [p2, with yarn forward sl2, p2, k1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 4 – k2, p1, [C3R, C3L, p1] repeat [to] across to last 2 stitches, k2

Row 5 – repeat row 3

Row 6 – repeat row 4

Row 7 – repeat row 1

Row 8 – repeat row 2

Continue working in this 8 row pattern until your work measures appx 6ins from cast on edge. You will now switch to double pointed needles and start working in the round.

Decreases

Round 1 – [k2tog, k23] around (72sts)

Round 2 – [k2tog, k6] around (63sts)

Round 3 – knit around

Round 4 – [k2tog, k5] around (54sts)

Round 5 – knit around

Round 6 – [k2tog, k4] around (45sts)

Round 7 – knit around

Round 8 – [k2tog, k3] around (36sts)

Round 9 – [k2tog, k2] around (24sts)

Round 10 – [k2tog, k1] around (18sts)

Round 11 – k2tog around (9sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx 6-8ins. Pull tail through remaining 10sts. Cast on 3sts on double pointed needles and work appx 8ins of i-cord. Place all of the provisional cast on sts on your straight needle (I like to use a circular needle for this but straight will do) and begin i-cord bind off using the 8ins of i-cord you have already worked. Once all of the bonnet sts have been bound off work an additional 8ins of i-cord with your 3 left over icord sts. Weave in ends.