



Simple Knit Hood

Materials - 60-125yds of worsted weight (4) yarn (I used KnitPicks Wool of the Andes in Bramble Heather), size 8 (5mm) straight needles and 1 spare in the same size for bind off and if you prefer to crochet the edge over knit a size G (4mm) hook.

Gauge - 4sts/inch *Gauge is very important!*

Sizes (appx head circumference) - newborn (13in), 0-3mth (14in), 3-6mth (15in), 6-12mth (16in)

Three needle bind-off: With right sides together, separate your work evenly onto 2 needles, hold the two pieces of knitting together with the points facing to the right. Insert the *third* needle into the first stitch on each of the needles knitwise, starting with the front needle. Work a knit stitch, pulling the loop through both of the stitches you've inserted the third needle through. After you've pulled the loop through, slip the first stitch off of each of the needles. This takes two stitches (one from the front needle and one from the back) and joins them to make one finished stitch on the third needle (held in your right hand). Repeat this motion, inserting your needle into one stitch on the front and back needles, knitting them together and slipping them off of the needles. Each time you complete a second stitch, pass the first finished stitch over the second and off of the needle (as you would in a traditional bind-off). Repeat until all the stitches have been worked.

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Pick up bind-off edge- On your cast on edge pick up the first st. Knit that st. *Pick up the next st then knit it. Pass the previous st over the current st (binding it off)* repeat from * to* until you have worked all the sts.

Crochet edge - single crochet in each st along the cast on edge.

Newborn

Cast on 46 sts.

Always slip the first st of the row purlwise for a neat edge.

Starting with purl row work in stockinette st for 5ins.

3-needle bind off.

Either work crochet or pick-up bind-off edge on your cast on edge. They will look exactly the same but if you know how to crochet, it is faster to do the crochet edge.

Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side. Block so edges lay flat. (see instructions at the end of the pattern if you don't know how to do this)

0-3mths

Cast on 50 sts.

Always slip the first st of the row purlwise for a neat edge.

Starting with purl row work in stockinette st for 5.5ins.

3-needle bind off.

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Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side. Block so edges lay flat. (see instructions at the end of the pattern if you don't know how to do this)

3-6mths

Cast on 52 sts.

Always slip the first st of the row purlwise for a neat edge.

Starting with purl row work in stockinette st for 6ins.

3-needle bind off.

Either work crochet or pick-up bind-off edge on your cast on edge. They will look exactly the same but if you know how to crochet, it is faster to do the crochet edge.

Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side. Block so edges lay flat. (see instructions at the end of the pattern if you don't know how to do this)

6-12mths

Cast on 58 sts.

Always slip the first st of the row purlwise for a neat edge.

Starting with purl row work in stockinette st for 6.5ins.

3-needle bind off.

Either work crochet or pick-up bind-off edge on your cast on edge. They will look exactly the same but if you know how to crochet, it is faster to do the crochet edge.

Cut 3 pieces of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and secure. Now braid loosely to desired length. Clip ends. Repeat on the other side. Block so edges lay flat. (see instructions at the end of the pattern if you don't know how to do this)

Blocking your work

To make sure your project lays flat you will need to block it. This will work better if you are using a natural fiber (wool, cotton, etc) over a synthetic (acrylics).

Wet your project with cool water.

Gently squeeze excess water out. Doing this too vigorously could felt wool so be very gentle.

Pin your project with stainless steel or rust proof pins as pictured. I like to use one of the “puzzle tiles” that are for a child's playroom floor.



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