



Solstice Bonnet

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Materials: appx 60-120yd dk weight yarn (I used knitpicks capra), size 6 (4mm) straight needles and double pointed needles (or size needed to obtain gauge), 4mm crochet hook for provisional cast on

Gauge: appx 5sts/inch *Gauge is very important!*

Sizes (appx finished head circumference) : newborn (13ins)

Notes: In this pattern there is a provisional cast on and an I-cord bind off. If you need guidance on how to do this here are some links to Knitpicks and their tutorials. For the provisional cast on see this link - http://www.knitpicks.com/tutorials/Casting_On__L10070104.html and for the i-cord bind off see this link - http://www.knitpicks.com/tutorials/Binding_Off__L10070205.html.

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.

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Cast on 57 using a provisional cast on on scrap yarn.

Row 1 - with your main color, purl across

Row 2 (right side) - Knit across

Row 3 - purl across

The Diamonds start now. If you would like a chart there is one on the last page.

Row 4 - k2 [k8, p1, k9] repeat [to] across to last st, k1

Row 5 - P2 [p7, k3, p8] repeat [to] across to last st, p1

Row 6 - k2 [k6, p2, k1, p2, k7] repeat [to] across to last st, k1

Row 7 - p2 [p5, k2, p3, k2, p6] repeat [to] across to last st, p1

Row 8 - k2 [k4, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k5] repeat [to] across to last st, k1

Row 9 - p2 [p3, k2, p2, k1, p1, k1, p2, k2, p4] repeat [to] across to last st, p1

Row 10 - k2 [k2, p2, k2, (p1,k1) twice, p1, k2, p2, k3] repeat [to] across to last st, k1

Row 11 - p2 [p1, k2, p2, (k1,p1)3 times, k1, p2, k2, p2] repeat [to] across to last st, p1

Row 12 - k2 [p2, k2, (p1, k1) 4 times, p1, k2, p2, k1] repeat [to] across to last st, k1

Row 13 - p1, k1 [k1, p2, (k1, p1) 5 times, k1, p2, k2] repeat [to] across to last st, p1

Row 14 - repeat row 12

Row 15 - repeat row 11

Row 16 - repeat row 10

Row 17 - repeat row 9

Row 18 - repeat row 8

Row 19 - repeat row 7

Row 20 - repeat row 6

Row 21 - repeat row 5

Row 22 - repeat row 4

Work in stockinette st starting by working a wrong side (purl) row until your work measures 4ins from cast on edge. End after completing a right side (knit) row.

DECREASES

Row 1 - p54, p2tog, p1 (56sts) Place stitch markers on both ends of this row.

Row 2 - k1 [k2tog, k4] repeat [to] across to last st, k1 (47sts)

Row 3 - purl across

Row 4 - k1 [k2tog, k3] repeat [to] across to last st, k1 (38sts)

Row 5 - purl across

Row 6 - k1 [k2tog, k2] repeat [to] across to last st, k1 (29sts)

Row 7 - purl across

Row 8 - k1 [k2tog, k1] repeat [to] across to last st, k1 (20sts)

Row 9 - purl across

Row 10 - k1 [k2tog] repeat [to] across to last st, k1 (11sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx -10ins. Pull yarn through remaining stitches and cinch the back tight. Using this end sew the crown together to your stitch markers. (I like to use the mattress stitch since it is nearly invisible).

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.

Another option is to do color work with this bonnet. To do so, knit the purls on the right side with a contrasting color and purl the knits on the wrong side with a contrasting color like the pictured bonnet below. There is also a chart included on the last page. I would suggest doing the color work portion in one needle size up to keep it stretchy.



DIAMOND CHART

19										X								
18									X	X	X							
17								X	X		X	X						
16							X	X				X	X					
15						X	X			X			X	X				
14					X	X			X		X			X	X			
13				X	X			X		X		X			X	X		
12			X	X			X		X		X		X			X	X	
11		X	X			X		X		X		X		X			X	X
10	X	X			X		X		X		X		X		X			X
9		X	X			X		X		X		X		X			X	X
8			X	X			X		X		X		X			X	X	
7				X	X			X		X		X			X	X		
6					X	X			X		X			X	X			
5						X	X			X			X	X				
4							X	X				X	X					
3								X	X		X	X						
2									X	X	X							
1										X								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

To do this as a purled motif - purl the X on the right side and knit the blanks. On the wrong side knit the X and purl the blanks.

To do this as a color motif - knit the X as a contrast color and the blanks as the main color