

# **Angora Bear Bonnet**

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Materials: appx 35-90yd worsted weight yarn (I used belangor angora), size 8 (5mm) straight needles or (size needed to obtain gauge), yarn needle

Gauge: appx 4sts/inch Gauge is very important!

**Sizes** (appx finished head circumference): newborn (13ins), 0-3mths (14 ins), 3-6mths (15ins), 6-12mths (16ins), 1-3yrs (17ins)

## Stitch Key

K - knit

p - purl

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together

P2tog - purl 2 stitches together

#### **NEWBORN**

#### **BONNET**

Cast on 44sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for appx 3.5ins ending after completing a wrong side (purl) row. Place stitch markers at either end of your last row.

#### **DECREASES**

Row 1 - k1 (k2tog, k4) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (37sts)

Row 2 - purl across

Row 3 - knit across

Row 4 - purl across

Row 5 - k1 (k2tog, k3) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (30sts)

Row 6 - purl across

Row 7 - k1 (k2tog, k2) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (23sts)

Row 8 - purl across

Row 9 - k1 (k2tog, k1) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (16sts)

Row 10 - p1 (p2tog) repeat (to) to last st, p1 (9sts)

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). Cut 2 pieces of yarn approximately 24ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop. These are your ties.

#### EARS (make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a tail appx 8ins long to sew the ears onto the bonnet. Work in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

## 0-3 MONTHS

### **BONNET**

Cast on 48sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for appx 4ins ending after completing a wrong side (purl) row. Place stitch markers at either end of your last row.

#### **DECREASES**

Row 1 - (k2tog, k4) repeat (to) across (40sts)

Row 2 - purl across

Row 3 - knit across

Row 4 - purl across

Row 5 - (k2tog, k3) repeat (to) across (32sts)

Row 6 - purl across

Row 7 - (k2tog, k2) repeat (to) across (24sts)

Row 8 - purl across

Row 9 - (k2tog, k1) repeat (to) across (16sts)

Row 10 - (p2tog) repeat (to) across (8sts)

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#### EARS (make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a tail appx 8ins long to sew the ears onto the bonnet. Work in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

#### 3-6 MONTHS

#### **BONNET**

Cast on 51sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for appx 4.5ins ending after completing a wrong side (purl) row. Place stitch markers at either end of your last row.

#### **DECREASES**

Row 1 - k1 (k2tog, k5) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (44sts)

Row 2 - purl across

Row 3 - k1 (k2tog, k4) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (37sts)

Row 4 - purl across

Row 5 - k1 (k2tog, k3) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (30sts)

Row 6 - purl across

Row 7 - k1 (k2tog, k2) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (23sts)

Row 8 - purl across

Row 9 - k1 (k2tog, k1) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (16sts)

Row 10 - p1 (p2tog) repeat (to) to last st, p1 (9sts)

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). Cut 2 pieces of yarn approximately 24ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop. These are your ties.

## EARS (make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a tail appx 8ins long to sew the ears onto the bonnet. Work in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

#### 6-12 MONTHS

#### **BONNET**

Cast on 56sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for appx 5ins ending after completing a wrong side (purl) row. Place stitch markers at either end of your last row.

#### **DECREASES**

Row 1 - k1 (k2tog, k4) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (47sts)

Row 2 - purl across

Row 3 - knit across

Row 4 - purl across

Row 5 - k1 (k2tog, k3) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (38sts)

Row 6 - purl across

Row 7 - k1 (k2tog, k2) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (29sts)

Row 8 - purl across

Row 9 - k1 (k2tog, k1) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (20sts)

Row 10 - p1 (p2tog) repeat (to) to last st, p1 (11sts)

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## EARS (make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a tail appx 8ins long to sew the ears onto the bonnet. Work in stockinette stitch for 6 rows.

#### 1-3 YEARS

#### **BONNET**

Cast on 62sts.

Work in stockinette stitch for appx 5.5ins ending after completing a wrong side (purl) row. Place stitch markers at either end of your last row.

#### **DECREASES**

Row 1 - k1 (k2tog, k4) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (52sts)

Row 2 - purl across

Row 3 - knit across

Row 4 - purl across

Row 5 - k1 (k2tog, k3) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (42sts)

Row 6 - purl across

Row 7 - k1 (k2tog, k2) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (32sts)

Row 8 - purl across

Row 9 - k1 (k2tog, k1) repeat (to) to last st, k1 (22sts)

Row 10 - p1 (p2tog) repeat (to) to last st, p1 (12sts)

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