Chocolate Bunny Bonnet
Designed by: Amanda Morse

Materials: 1 skein of lace weight (size 0) mohair yarn (I used Knitpicks Aloft), size 7 (4.5mm) straight and dpn needles, yarn needle

Gauge: 4.5sts x 8r per in ~*GAUGE IS VERY IMPORTANT*~

Stitch Key:

K – knit	P – purl
yo – yarn over	k2tog – knit 2 together
ssk – slip slip knit (slip sts purlwise)	m1 – make one

Head circumference: nb (13ins). 0-3mths (14ins), 3-6mth (15ins), 6-12mths (16ins)

Newborn

Cast on 52 sts using the E- cast on or your favorite stretchy cast on.

Row 1 – (k1p1) repeat across

Repeat row 1 until you have worked 4 rows total.

Continue working in stockinette st until your work measures 4ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.

You will now start working in the round. Switch to dpn here.

Round 1 – (k2tog, k11) repeat around(48sts)

Round 2 – (k2tog, k4) repeat around (40sts)

Round 3 – knit

Round 4 – (k2tog, k3) repeat around (32sts)

Round 5 – knit

Round 6 – (k2tog, k2) repeat around (24sts)

Round 7 – knit

Round 8 – (k2tog, k1) repeat around (16sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Cut 6 pieces of yarn approximately 30ins long.   Fold three in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the bonnet. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side.

Ears (Make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a long enough tail to sew the ear onto the hat with.

Row 1 – knit

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, m1, k10, m1, k1 (14sts)

Row 4 - purl

Row 5 – k1, m1, k12, m1, k1 (16sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, m1, k14, m1, k1 (18sts)

Continue in stockinette st until your work measures 5ins from cast on edge ending after finishing a purl row.

Decreases

Row 1 – k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1 (16sts)

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1 (14sts)

Row 4 – purl

Row 5 – k1, ssk, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (10sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, ssk, ssk, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (6sts)

Do no bind off. Cut yarn leaving appx 6-8ins, pull through remaining 6sts. Cinch together tightly like the back of the bonnet. Weave in ends. Use the top end to sew the ears onto the hat. I like my ears about 1.5ins from the front edge and about 2ins apart. That is my personal preference but placement can be where ever you feel looks best. I just whip stitch them on but you can use whatever method you prefer to attach them.

0-3mths

Cast on 56 sts using the E- cast on or your favorite stretchy cast on.

Row 1 – (k1p1) repeat across

Repeat row 1 until you have worked 4 rows total.

Continue working in stockinette st until your work measures 4.5ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.

You will now start working in the round. Switch to dpn here.

Round 1 – (k2tog, 26) repeat around (54sts)

Round 2 – (k2tog, k4) repeat around (45sts)

Round 3 – knit

Round 4 – (k2tog, k3) repeat around (36sts)

Round 5 – knit

Round 6 – (k2tog, k2) repeat around (27sts)

Round 7 – knit

Round 8 – (k2tog, k1) repeat around (18sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Cut 6 pieces of yarn approximately 30ins long.   Fold three in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the bonnet. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side.

Ears (Make 2)

Cast on 12sts leaving a long enough tail to sew the ear onto the hat with.

Row 1 – knit

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, m1, k10, m1, k1 (14sts)

Row 4 - purl

Row 5 – k1, m1, k12, m1, k1 (16sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, m1, k14, m1, k1 (18sts)

Continue in stockinette st until your work measures 5.5ins from cast on edge ending after finishing a purl row.

Decreases

Row 1 – k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1 (16sts)

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1 (14sts)

Row 4 – purl

Row 5 – k1, ssk, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (10sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, ssk, ssk, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (6sts)

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3-6mths

Cast on 62 sts using the E- cast on or your favorite stretchy cast on.

Row 1 – (k1p1) repeat across

Repeat row 1 until you have worked 6 rows total.

Continue working in stockinette st until your work measures 5ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.

You will now start working in the round. Switch to dpn here.

Round 1 – (k2tog, k29) repeat around (60sts)

Round 2 – (k2tog, k4) repeat around (50sts)

Round 3 – knit

Round 4 – (k2tog, k3) repeat around (40sts)

Round 5 – knit

Round 6 – (k2tog, k2) repeat around (30sts)

Round 7 – knit

Round 8 – (k2tog, k1) repeat around (20sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Cut 6 pieces of yarn approximately 30ins long.   Fold three in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the bonnet. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side.

Ears (Make 2)

Cast on 14sts leaving a long enough tail to sew the ear onto the hat with.

Row 1 – knit

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, m1, k12, m1, k1 (16sts)

Row 4 - purl

Row 5 – k1, m1, k14, m1, k1 (18sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, m1, k16, m1, k1 (20sts)

Continue in stockinette st until your work measures 6ins from cast on edge ending after finishing a purl row.

Decreases

Row 1 – k1, ssk, k14, k2tog, k1 (18sts)

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1 (16sts)

Row 4 – purl

Row 5 – k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1 (14sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, ssk, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (10sts)

Row 8 – purl

Row 9 – k1, ssk, ssk, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (6sts)

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6-12mths

Cast on 66 sts using the E- cast on or your favorite stretchy cast on.

Row 1 – (k1p1) repeat across

Repeat row 1 until you have worked 6 rows total.

Continue working in stockinette st until your work measures 5.5ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.

You will now start working in the round. Switch to dpn here.

Round 1 – (k2tog, k9) repeat around (60sts)

Round 2 – (k2tog, k4) repeat around (50sts)

Round 3 – knit

Round 4 – (k2tog, k3) repeat around (40sts)

Round 5 – knit

Round 6 – (k2tog, k2) repeat around (30sts)

Round 7 – knit

Round 8 – (k2tog, k1) repeat around (20sts)

Do not bind off. Cut yarn and pull through remaining stitches. Cut 6 pieces of yarn approximately 30ins long.   Fold three in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the bonnet. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side.

Ears (Make 2)

Cast on 14sts leaving a long enough tail to sew the ear onto the hat with.

Row 1 – knit

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, m1, k12, m1, k1 (16sts)

Row 4 - purl

Row 5 – k1, m1, k14, m1, k1 (18sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, m1, k16, m1, k1 (20sts)

Continue in stockinette st until your work measures 6ins from cast on edge ending after finishing a purl row.

Decreases

Row 1 – k1, ssk, k14, k2tog, k1 (18sts)

Row 2 – purl

Row 3 – k1, ssk, k12, k2tog, k1 (16sts)

Row 4 – purl

Row 5 – k1, ssk, k10, k2tog, k1 (14sts)

Row 6 – purl

Row 7 – k1, ssk, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (10sts)

Row 8 – purl

Row 9 – k1, ssk, ssk, k2tog, k2tog, k1 (6sts)

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