The Esther Bonnet and Skirt Set
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Materials: 1 skein of Knit Picks Aloft (lace weight – 0), size 7 (4.5mm) straight and dpn, yarn needle

Gauge: 9.5sts per 2ins *~GAUGE IS VERY IMPORTANT~*

Stitch Key:

K – knit	P – purl
yo – yarn over	k2tog – knit 2 together
ssk – slip slip knit (slip sts purlwise)	sl – slip st knitwise
psso – pass slipped stitch over	ptog – purl together
rt - right	

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

Newborn Bonnet

Cast on 53sts
Row 1&2 – knit
Row 3 - purl
Row 4 – k1 (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 5 – purl
Row 6 – k1 (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 7 – purl
Row 8 – k1 (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 9 – purl
Row 10 – knit
Row 11 - purl
Row 12 – k1 (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 2 sts, k2
Row 13 – p2 (p4, ptog the 6 loops made in row 12 and the next st, p5) to last st, k1
Continue by 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, k9) 4 times, k2tog, k7 (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 3 of them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the opposite side.

Newborn Skirt

Cast on 70sts and join in the round.
Round 1 – purl
Rounds 2&3 – knit
Round 4 - (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat around
Round 5 – knit
Round 6 - (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat around
Round 7 – knit
Round 8 - (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk)
Rounds 9-11 – knit
Round 12 - (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt

hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 2 sts, k2

Round 13 – (k5, sl1, ktog the 6 loops made in row 12, psso, k4) repeat around.

Continue by working in stockinette st (knit all sts on every round) until your work measures 5.5ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.

Decrease round – (k2tog, k15, k2tog, k16) repeat (66sts)

Work in a k1,p1 ribbing for 1in.

Bind off using a stretch bind off (I like a sewn bind off). Weave in ends

0-3mth Bonnet

Cast on 57sts

Row 1&2 – knit

Row 3 - purl

Row 4 – k3 (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4

Row 5 – purl

Row 6 – k3 (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4

Row 7 – purl

Row 8 – k3 (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4

Row 9 – purl

Row 10 – knit

Row 11 - purl

Row 12 – k3 (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 4 sts, k4

Row 13 – p4 (p4, ptog the 6 loops made in row 12 and the next st, p5) to last 3sts, k3

Continue by 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, k17) 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 3 of them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the opposite side.

0-3mth Skirt
Cast on 70sts and join in the round.
Round 1 – purl
Rounds 2&3 – knit
Round 4 - (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat around
Round 5 – knit
Round 6 - (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat around
Round 7 – knit
Round 8 - (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk)
Rounds 9-11 – knit
Round 12 - (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 2 sts, k2
Round 13 – (k5, sl1, ktog the 6 loops made in row 12, psso, k4) repeat around.
Continue by working in stockinette st (knit all sts on every round) until your work measures 6ins from the cast on edge ending after completing a right side row.
Work in a k1,p1 ribbing for 1in.
Bind off using a stretch bind off (I like a sewn bind off). Weave in ends

3-6mth Bonnet
Cast on 63sts
Row 1&2 – knit
Row 3 - purl
Row 4 – k1 (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 5 – purl
Row 6 – k1 (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 7 – purl
Row 8 – k1 (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk) repeat across to last 2 sts, k2
Row 9 – purl
Row 10 – knit
Row 11 - purl
Row 12 – k1 (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 2 sts, k2
Row 13 – p2 (p4, ptog the 6 loops made in row 12 and the next st, p5) to last st, k1
Continue by 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, k19) 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 3 of them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the opposite side.

6-12mth Bonnet
Cast on 67sts
Row 1&2 – knit
Row 3 - purl
Row 4 – k3 (k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4
Row 5 – purl
Row 6 – k3 (k2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4
Row 7 – purl
Row 8 – k3 (k1, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk) repeat across to last 4 sts, k4
Row 9 – purl
Row 10 – knit
Row 11 - purl
Row 12 – k3 (k6, make 1 long loop in each of the 6 holes created by the yo [insert the rt hand needles into the 1st hole of the 4th row, yarn around needle and draw up a loop which stays on the needle, repeat into each of the 5 remaining holes], k4) repeat to last 4 sts, k4
Row 13 – p4 (p4, ptog the 6 loops made in row 12 and the next st, p5) to last 3sts, k3
Continue by 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, k8) 6 times, k2tog, k5 (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 3 of them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the opposite side.