Knotted Nightcap
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Materials: 140-300yd fingering (size 1) yarn (I used Madelinetosh toshmolight), size 3 dpn (or circular if using the magic loop method), yarn needle

Sizes (head circumference): newborn (13ins), 0-3mths (14ins), 3-6mths (15ins), 6-12mths (16ins), toddler (17ins)

Gauge: 6ts/in   *GAUGE IS VERY IMPORTANT!!! SWATCH FIRST!!!!*

Stitch Abbreviations:
K – knit   p – purl   k2tog – knit 2 together

NEWBORN
Cast on 76sts.
Join in the round.
Work in [k1, p1] ribbing for 6 rounds.
Work in stockinette st until work measures 3ins from cast on edge.

DECREASES
Round 1 – [k17, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (72sts)
Round 2 – knit around
Round 3 – [k10, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (66sts)
Rounds 4-9 – knit around
Round 10 - [k9, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (60sts)
Rounds 11-16 – knit around
Round 17 - [k8, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (54sts)
Rounds 18-23 – knit around
Round 24 - [k7, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (48sts)
Rounds 25-30 – knit around
Round 31 - [k6, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (42sts)
Rounds 32-37 – knit around
Round 38 - [k5, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (36sts)
Rounds 39-44 – knit around
Round 45 - [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (30sts)
Rounds 46-51 – knit around
Round 52 - [k3, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (24sts)
Rounds 53-58 – knit around
Round 59 - [k2, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (18sts)
Rounds 60-65 – knit round
Round 66 – [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (15sts)

Knit for a further 4-5ins after your last decrease. Do not bind off. Cut yarn. Pull through remaining stitches and tie off. Weave in ends. Knot the top using the 4-5ins of length after you last decrease.

0-3 MONTHS
Cast on 84sts.
Join in the round.
Work in [k1, p1] ribbing for 6 rounds.
Work in stockinette st until work measures 3.5ins from cast on edge.

DECREASES
Round 1 – [k10, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (77sts)
Rounds 2-7 – knit around
Round 8 - [k9, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (70sts)
Rounds 9-14 – knit around
Round 15 - [k8, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (63sts)
Rounds 16-21 – knit around
Round 22 - [k7, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (56sts)
Rounds 23-28 – knit around
Round 29 - [k6, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (49sts)
Rounds 30-35 – knit around
Round 36 - [k5, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (42sts)
Rounds 37-42 – knit around
Round 43 - [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (35sts)
Rounds 44-49 – knit around
Round 50 - [k3, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (28sts)
Rounds 51-56 – knit around
Round 57 - [k2, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (21sts)
Rounds 58-63 – knit round
Round 64 – [k1, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (14sts)

Knit for a further 4-5ins after your last decrease. Do not bind off. Cut yarn. Pull through remaining stitches and tie off. Weave in ends. Knot the top using the 4-5ins of length after you last decrease.

3-6 MONTHS
Cast on 90sts.
Join in the round.
Work in [k1, p1] ribbing for 6 rounds.
Work in stockinette st until work measures 4ins from cast on edge.

DECREASES
Round 1 – [k13, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (84sts)
Round 2 – knit around
Round 3 – [k10, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (77sts)
Rounds 4-9 – knit around
Round 10 - [k9, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (70sts)
Rounds 11-16 – knit around
Round 17 - [k8, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (63sts)
Rounds 18-23 – knit around
Round 24 - [k7, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (56sts)
Rounds 25-30 – knit around
Round 31 - [k6, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (49sts)
Rounds 32-37 – knit around
Round 38 - [k5, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (42sts)
Rounds 39-44 – knit around
Round 45 - [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (35sts)
Rounds 46-51 – knit around
Round 52 - [k3, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (28sts)
Rounds 53-58 – knit around
Round 59 - [k2, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (21sts)
Rounds 60-65 – knit round
Round 66 – [k1, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (14sts)

Knit for a further 4-5ins after your last decrease. Do not bind off. Cut yarn. Pull through remaining stitches and tie off. Weave in ends. Knot the top using the 4-5ins of length after you last decrease.

6-12 MONTHS
Cast on 96sts.
Join in the round.
Work in [k1, p1] ribbing for 6 rounds.
Work in stockinette st until work measures 4.5ins from cast on edge.

DECREASES
Round 1 – [k10, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (88sts)
Rounds 2-7 – knit around
Round 8 - [k9, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (80sts)
Rounds 9-14 – knit around
Round 15 - [k8, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (72sts)
Rounds 16-21 – knit around
Round 22 - [k7, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (64sts)
Rounds 23-28 – knit around
Round 29 - [k6, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (56sts)
Rounds 30-35 – knit around
Round 36 - [k5, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (48sts)
Rounds 37-42 – knit around
Round 43 - [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (40sts)
Rounds 44-49 – knit around
Round 50 - [k3, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (36sts)
Rounds 51-56 – knit around
Round 57 - [k2, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (24sts)
Rounds 58-63 – knit round
Round 64 – [k1, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (16sts)

Knit for a further 4-5ins after your last decrease. Do not bind off. Cut yarn. Pull through remaining stitches and tie off. Weave in ends. Knot the top using the 4-5ins of length after you last decrease.

TODDLER
Cast on 102sts.
Join in the round.
Work in [k1, p1] ribbing for 6 rounds.
Work in stockinette st until work measures 5ins from cast on edge.

DECREASES
Round 1 – [k15, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (96sts)
Round 2 – knit around
Round 3 – [k10, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (88sts)
Rounds 4-10 – knit around
Round 11 - [k9, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (80sts)
Rounds 12-18 – knit around
Round 19 - [k8, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (72sts)
Rounds 20-26 – knit around
Round 27 - [k7, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (64sts)
Rounds 28-34 – knit around
Round 35 - [k6, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (56sts)
Rounds 36-42 – knit around
Round 43 - [k5, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (48sts)
Rounds 44-50 – knit around
Round 51 - [k4, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (40sts)
Rounds 52-58 – knit around
Round 59 - [k3, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (36sts)
Rounds 60-66 – knit around
Round 67 - [k2, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (24sts)
Round 68-74 – knit around
Round 75 – [k1, k2tog] repeat from [to] around. (16sts)

Knit for a further 4-5ins after your last decrease. Do not bind off. Cut yarn. Pull through remaining stitches and tie off. Weave in ends. Knot the top using the 4-5ins of length after you last decrease.