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CHECKERBOARD BABY HAT

SIZE: Newborn – 1 year (approx head size: 15")

MATERIALS:

1 oz (approx 60 yds) Berroco Comfort or Pure Merino by Berroco

Needles

- One pair US 9 16" Circular and/or 1 set of US 9 double-pointed needles (5.5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge

Gauge:

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Basketweave pattern

Take time to check your gauge.

PATTERN STITCHES:

Garter St in the round: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row.

Basketweave: (multiple of 10 sts)

Rows 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: * P5, k5, rep from * across.

Rows 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; *K5, p5, rep from *across.

Cast on 60 stitches, and work 4 rows of Garter Stitch in the round (P 1 row, K 1 row, P 1 row, K 1 row). It helps to place a marker at the beginning of the row. Begin basketweave pattern and work rows 1-6, then 7-12, twice (there will be four rows of checkers and hat will be approx 4" from start). Then work 2 rows of Purl, before beginning decrease rows:

Row 1: *K4, K2 together, rep from * around (50 stitches remain)

Row 2 and all even rows: K all stitches

Row 3: *K3, K2 together, rep from * around (40 stitches remain)

Row 5: *K2, K2 together, rep from * around (30 stitches remain)

Row 7: *K1, K2 together, rep from * around (20 stitches remain)

Row 9: K2 together around (10 stitches remain)

Row 11: K2 together around (5 stitches remain)

Cut yarn and weave through the remaining stitches in a clockwise direction, drawing the top closed and pass needle to inside to weave in and secure end. Optional: work a 5-stitch I-cord to make a little "tail" or topknot. A pompom is another cute option. Weave in end at bottom of hat.

The hat can be worked on straight knitting needles by knitting every row for 4 rows, then basketweave pattern and decreases (the even numbered rows will be purled). When you are down to 5 stitches, remove from needle, cut yarn approx 1 ft long and thread on a darning needle. Run darning needle through stitches beginning from the end furthest away from the needle to keep them from unravelling. Then pull tight, and sew downwards along the side of the hat, thinking of it as "lacing" the sides together, take 2 stitches from one side, then 2 from the other side. Be careful not to get in a hurry and it should be almost invisible. Make a knot and weave in at the bottom edge.