

# First Toque

*A Daisy Knit pattern for Needle & Arts*



A baby toque in two styles knitted flat from side to side. The toques are knitted in garter stitch throughout and stretch to fit as baby grows. They will fit upto about 9 months, depending on head size. They can be made larger in circumference by adding an extra section and/or adding a few more stitches before starting the short row shaping.

You can embellish as you like with a pompom, crocheted flowers, topknot, cute buttons, etc..

The topknot is a simple 4 stitch I-cord. Pick up 4 stitches from the top of the hat and work 3 to 4 inches of I-cord. Tie an overhand knot close to the top of the hat.

**Materials:** For Hat without brim: 1 ball of Drops Big Merino, (Superwash treated extra fine Merino wool)

For hat with turn-back brim: 2 balls of Drops Big Merino, (This will be enough for a hat plus pompom)

This yarn is Aran weight and when knitted in garter stitch and washed is beautifully soft and squishy.

Both hats: Size 4.5mm needle, tapestry needle

Crochet hook size 4.5mm or 5mm and a length of smooth waste yarn of similar weight

Oddments of yarn for embellishment

**Provisional Cast on:** With a smooth yarn of similar weight as your working yarn and a crochet hook, the same size or a little larger, as your knitting needle, crochet a chain a few stitches longer than the required number of stitches to be cast on. Fasten off and cut yarn. Make a knot at this end of the yarn to mark your last crochet stitch. On the reverse of the chain, there will be bumps running along the centre. With your knitting needle and your working yarn, pick up and knit into these bumps until you have the required number of stitches. You are now ready to start knitting.

**German Short Row on Garter Stitch: (GSR)** A method of knitting short rows without “wrapping and turning”. Work the required number of stitches, turn the work, slip the last stitch worked purlwise, from left needle to right needle. With yarn in front, pull the working yarn upwards and over the needle to distort the stitch and create a double stitch on the needle. Holding the yarn firmly, knit the next two stitches quite tightly. (This will close any gaps which may occur). Continue knitting the row. When all the short rows are completed, knit the full row, treating the double stitches as they occur as ONE stitch.

**WYIF:** With Yarn In Front

**I-Cord:** With your 4.5 needles, pick up 4 stitches from the top of the toque and knit one row. Slip the stitches back onto the left hand needle, the yarn will be at the left hand side of your work, bring it across the back of your work firmly and knit four stitches. Continue knitting and slipping for 3 to 4 inches.

### **Pattern for toque without brim:**

Provisionally cast on 30 stitches.

1. Slip 1st stitch purlwise with yarn in front (wyif), knit to end of row.
2. Knit to last two stitches, wyif slip next stitch purlwise, yarn to back, knit last stitch.
3. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 28 stitches (29 stitches on RH needle).
- 4 and all even rows: Turn, work a double stitch (GSR), knit to last two stitches, wyif slip next st. purlwise, yarn to back, knit last st.
5. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 26 stitches (27 stitches on RH needle).
7. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 24 stitches (25 stitches on RH needle).
9. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 22 stitches (23 stitches on RH needle).
11. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 20 stitches (21 stitches on RH needle).
13. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 18 stitches (19 stitches on RH needle).
15. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit to end of row, knitting the double stitches together as you come to them (30 stitches)
16. Knit to last two stitches, slip stitch purlwise wyif, yarn back, knit one.

You have now completed one section and will need to make 7 more from Row 3 to Row 16.

When 8 sections have been completed, starting at the end of the crochet chain with the knot, carefully unzip the chain, placing the live stitches on a needle as you go. Starting at the brim, either work a three needle cast off or Kitchener stitch (see below) to join into a round. To close the hole at the top of the hat, with a tapestry needle threaded with yarn, pick up the garter stitch bumps and pull together tightly. Fasten off inside the toque. Darn in all ends.

### **Pattern for Toque with brim:**

Provisionally cast on 35 stitches. The toques are knitted the same, except there are more stitches before the shaped section.

Rows 1 and 2 The same as above.

3. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 33 stitches (34 stitches on RH needle).
- 4 and all even rows: Turn, work a double stitch (GSR), knit to last two stitches, wyif slip next stitch purlwise, yarn to back, knit last stitch
5. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 31 stitches (32 stitches on RH needle).
7. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 29 stitches (30 stitches on RH needle).
9. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 27 stitches (28 stitches on RH needle).
11. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 25 stitches (26 stitches on RH needle).
13. Slip first stitch purlwise wyif, knit 23 stitches 24 stitches on RH needle).

Rows 15 and 16 as above. One section completed. When you have 8 sections completed, finish as above.

**Three Needle Cast Off:** With the two sets of live stitches lying parallel and RIGHT sides together and a length of your working yarn, starting at the brim, pick up one stitch from the front needle and one stitch from the back needle and knit them together, repeat. You now have 2 stitches on the right needle. Bring the first stitch worked over the second stitch worked (as in regular cast off) Continue to knit together one stitch from each needle, casting them off as you go.

**Kitchener Stitch for Garter Stitch.:** With the two sets of live stitches lying parallel and WRONG sides together, thread your tapestry needle with a length of your working yarn (approx. 4 times the length of the seam) : Set up: Front needle, tapestry needle passes through the first stitch purlwise. Back needle: tapestry needle passes through the first stitch purlwise. Thereafter: Front needle: tapestry needle passes through the first stitch knitwise and the stitch is slipped from the needle, tapestry needle passes through the next stitch purlwise and stays on the needle. Back needle: Same as front needle. After a few stitches, tighten yarn. Continue across the row. Sequence: Front—Knit slip OFF, Purl stays ON Back—Knit slip OFF, Purl stays ON

Knit OFF, purl ON, Back Needle: Knit OFF, purl ON Each stitch is worked twice.