

## Vintage Baby "Helmet" for 9 to 12 months

taken from Baby Styles in Darvan by Beehive No. 82 with my added notes in italics



\*I was knitting for a 7 month old, rather than a 9-12 month old, so I used 3mm (UK size 11) rather than 3.25mm (UK size 10)

### Materials:

A helmet which will stay on baby's head is such a help. This one is knitted with cuddly soft P&B 3 ply Darvan and takes just 1 oz. Two No. 10 (3.25mm) Queen Bee Knitting needles are required for the knitting.

- *fingering/sock weight yarn, about 130 meters or 30 grams (I used ONLINE supersocke 100)*

- *2 large safety pins or stitch holders of choice*

**Tension (gauge):** 8 sts. and 10 rows = 1 inch with No. 10 needles in stockinette st.

Beginning at neck edge, cast on 92 sts.

**1st row:** K2. \*P1, K1. Repeat from \* to end of row.

Repeat this row of (K1, P1) ribbing for 20 rows in all.

**21st row:** K2. (P1, K1) 4 times. K72. Leave remaining 10 sts. on 1st safety pin. Turn.

**22nd row:** K1. P70. K1. Leave remaining 10 stitches on 2nd safety pin. Turn.

Working on these 72 sts. continue in stockinette st. until work measures 7 inches from **cast-on** edge, ending with a purl row. Proceed: -

**1st row:** K48. Slip 1. K1. pss0. Turn.

**2nd row:** P25. P2tog. Turn.

**3rd row:** K25. Slip 1. K1. pss0. Turn.

*(This is the same technique used for shaping sock heels. 'Turn' means that you literally turn the work mid-row and begin knitting or purling back on your work. Each time, you pick up one of the stitches from those remaining at the edges and this tightens up any gaps that appear.)*

Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows until all 26 sts. are on one needle, ending with 2nd row. Break yarn. This is the face edge.

With the right side of work facing, slip the 10 sts. left on the 2nd safety pin onto a needle. Join yarn and using the same needle pick up and knit 27 sts. along one side of helmet. *For the number of rows I knit, picking up 2 sts, skipping 1, picking up 1 st., skipping 1, seemed to work out.* Knit across the 26 sts. at face edge. Pick up and knit 27 sts. along other side of helmet. Rib across the 10 sts. left on 1st safety pin. (100 sts. on needle).

Work 8 rows (K1. P1) ribbing.

Cast off **loosely** in ribbing. Sew side edges of ribbing together to form neckband. Instead of pressing garment to smooth the knitting, just wash and dry.

*Pop on baby's noggin!*

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