

Strawberry Bonnet for a Baby/Toddler Girl, designer Tatjana Lewtschenko

Materials: cotton or wool 50 g of red and small amounts of green and, optionally, white color. Knitting needles (5 needles or circular ones) № 3 or 3,5, crochet hook.

Cast on a number that corresponds to the desired width of the bottom edge (measure the child's head and make a gauge to figure out the required number of stitches). IMPORTANT: choose a number dividable by 18 without rest. In this lesson, the total number of stitches is 108.



Join into a circle and work according to the chart on the next page working bottom up. It starts with 2 rows of purled stitches, followed by a rippled pattern.

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Symbols on the chart:

| knit stitch

— purl stitch

▼ decrease by knitting 3 stitches together

⌘ make 1 (knit a new twisted stitch into the strand between 2 stitches.

o – yarn over

/ decrease by knitting 2 stitches together



If you want to have white edges like on the photo, work row 16 of the chart (yarn, over, knit 2 together) in white color.

Having completed row 20, fold the work inwards along the 16th row (white color on the above photo) , placing row 12 next to row 20. In the next row, join both rows by knitting each st of row 12 with a st of row 20 (see next photo). It may be easier if you use a crochet hook as shown on the second photo.



I prefer to use a crochet hook as follows: insert the hook into the loop on the left needle, then into the corresponding stitch 8 rows below, yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook. Shift the resulting loop to the right needle. Continue joining pairwise till the end.





Repeat the pattern row 1 to row 20 and the joining of row 20 with row 12. I repeated it 4 times (=80 rows). Repeat as many time as you need for the desired height of the non-decreasing part. Fasten off and attach green color.

Proceed according to the chart, but without increases (skip all χ). The first row will be as follows: kn 15, kn 3 together; repeat. То есть первый ряд раппорта зеленого цвета будет выглядеть так: 15 лиц, 3 п. провязать вместе. The next and each even row is done by knitting without decreases. In each uneven row the number of stitches will decrease by 2 st per repeating pattern. Make sure to place decreases right above one another to preserve a nice line.



Continue decreasing till you have 3 st left.



Put the remaining 3 st onto a crochet hook and crochet them together. Do not fasten off!
Proceed with a tail: chain 12, and work a row of sc back to the base of the bonnet. Fasten off
and weave in the ends.

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