

# *Baby Bulky Stocking Hats*

## *3 Variations*

**Yarn:** Nordic (worsted weight)

**Tension:** 3-4

**Amount:**

**Size:** Small (Med., Lg)

**SR** = Silver Reed

**BR** = Brother

**RC** = Row Counter



## *Basic Pattern*

Great for little boys or girls and for charity knitting as it knits up very fast.

**RC 000. Cuff:** Pull 30-0-31 (32-0-33, 34-0-35) needles forward to 'D' (SR) or 'E' (BR) position. Push back every other needle to 'A' position (non-working).

'E' cast on the selected needles. Knit 1 row. Pull the empty needs into work.

Hang a cast on comb on the stitches (if you have one). Knit to row 34.

Using a 1 prong tool, pick up the loops created by the cast on and hang on every other needle.

**RC 000. Body:** Knit 28, (28, 30) rows of design (stripes, fairisle). You can lengthen or shorten the hat here.

Using a 1-prong tool - Transfer every other stitch to the next needle. Put all the empty needles in non-working position ('A'). Knit 2 rows.

**Finishing:** Cut the yarn leaving enough of a tail to sew the seam. **Sew off the stitches.** (Remove the stitches onto a double eye tool or a yarn needle). Draw up tight and secure.

Seam from the knit side starting from the crown and working around the cuff. Use a mattress stitch for this (directions are in your machine manual).

Add a pop pom or button or corded loop etc. to the crown. It also looks great as is.

## *Variation for a Little Girl*

Cast on the cuff as in the **Basic pattern**.

**Cuff:** Knit 10 rows. Set the carriage to hold (H (BR), I & I Russell levers (SR).

\*Select every 4<sup>th</sup> needle to 'D' (SR) or 'E' (BR) position.

Knit 3 rows.

Set carriage to plain - change the H to N (BR) and the I & I to II & II Russell levers (SR). Knit 1 row.



Repeat these steps to row 34 selecting the same needles each time for the design.

Hang a hem as instructed above.

**RC 000. Body:** Knit plain 28 (28, 30) rows. The hat can be lengthened or shortened here.

**Top:** Transfer every 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch to the needle next to it. Leave the empty needles in work ('B' position).

Knit 10 rows. Bind off.

**Cord:** Cast 3 stitches. Tighten the tension by 1 whole number. Set the carriage to knit 1 direction.

**BR** – push in the right **Part button**

**SR** – **C** for the electronic & move the cam **from the triangle to the circle on the right side of the other Silver Reed machines.**

Knit 125 rows. *The carriage will knit 1 direction and slide past the stitches going the other direction.*

Transfer all stitches to 1 needle. Cut the yarn and knit through manually.

**Finishing:** Sew the seam. Fold so the seam is in the center back.

From the center front, weave the cord in and out of the eyelets until you reach the front. Draw up tight and tie a bow.

## Variation for Straight Crown Hat

Great for girls and boys.

Cast on for the **Basic Pattern**. Knit 15 rows. Change to the contrast color. Knit 1 row. Using a 1-prong tool - Transfer every other stitch to the next needle. Make sure all the empty needles are still in working position ('B'). This makes a picot edge. Notice the photo to the right. Knit 1 row. Change to the main color and knit 16 rows. Hang hem as above.



**RC 000. Body:** Knit plain for 28, (28, 30) rows. Change to the contrast color and knit 2 rows. Mark the center 2 stitches with a contrast yarn or pin. Remove on several rows of scrap yarn.

**Tab:** Using the contrast color, cast on 7 stitches (3-0-4) in the center of the machine. Knit 14 rows. Set the carriage to Hold (BR=H, SR=Russell Levers I & I). \*Pull 1 needle to hold next to the carriage. Knit 1 row\*. Repeat from \* to \* until 1 needle remains in work. Reverse the shaping by pushing 1 needle opposite the carriage to work (BR='D', SR='C') until all needles are in 'B' position. Knit 15 rows. Pick up the cast on edge and hang a hem.

With the purl side facing you – pick up the 2 center needles. Hang the remaining stitches folding them like a paper bag. The edges will end up in the center of the machine.



**Small** – on the left side of -0-, pick up 7 stitches and hang on empty needles (you already have 1 stitch on the #1 left needle). Fold the knit in towards the center and pick up the next 7 stitches and hang on needles 7-1. Fold again and hang on needles 1 – 8. Fold again and hang on needles 7-1. For the right side you will have 1 extra stitch so hang on needles 8-1 for the last stitches.

**Medium** – pick up the stitches from scrap yarn the same as the Small but each time it will be 8 stitches.

**Large** - on the left side of -0-, pick up 8 stitches and hang on empty needles (you already have 1 stitch on the #1 left needle). Fold the knit in towards the center and pick up the next 8 stitches and hang on needles 8-1. Fold again and hang on needles 1 – 8. Fold again and hang on needles 9-1. For the right side you will have 1 extra stitch so hang on needles 10-1 for the last stitches.

You will have 4 stitches on most of the needles and 5 in the center. Bind off.

**Finishing** - Using the contract color doubled, Whip stitch over the bound off edge.

**Tab** – Using a single yarn, whip the bars at the edge of the knit together on each side. Stitch a button in place through the tab and the hat to secure the tab.



Sew the seam in the center back.

*I hope you enjoy these hats as much as I have.*

*Charlene*