

eLFBaBY hat

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Designed for fast-growing babies (but irresistible at all ages), this hat features a brim that can be folded up or down to allow more room as the wearer grows. It is offered in sizes to fit everyone from three months to large adult, with a choice of three interchangeable border patterns.



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SIZING

0-6m (6-12m, toddler, **child**, teen)
[**small adult**, large adult]

To fit up to 38 (40.5, 45.5, **51**, 53.5) [56, 61] cm / 15 (16, 18, **20**, 21) [22, 24] in head circumference.

Gauge: 30 sts x 44 rows = 10cm / 4in over st st

RATING

Intermediate

Skills used: working in the round, increasing and decreasing, twisted stitches (Pixi and Poppy borders only)

YOU WILL NEED

1 (1, 1, 1, 2) [2, 2] x 50g skeins of warm, elastic **4-ply/fingering yarn** (min 180 m / 196 yards per 50g). Choose a smooth yarn for best stitch definition.

2.75mm / US2 double-pointed needles, or your preferred needles for working small circumferences in the round

yarn needle
4 stitch markers

TIPS

- Purling through the back loop makes the Pixi and Poppy borders reversible. However, if you don't need a reversible brim, you may prefer the ease of regular purling.
- The Pixi option pulls in the most of all the border patterns, so you may wish to go up a size if working this border. Pumuckl pulls in the least and may require a smaller size.
- Pumuckl is the option best suited to highly variegated yarns.