

A good size for newborn hats is:

12" around and 5-5 ½" tall (not stretched)

They should be stretchy when done.

Knitted Newborn Stocking Cap

4 ply yarn (#4) or Sport Yarn (#3)

Size 7 needles

Cast on 60 stitches

Knit 1, purl 1 ribbing for 8 rows

Stockingette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) until 3 inches from beginning with 4 ply yarn (or 3 ½ inches from beginning for sport weight yarn)

Decrease rows:

1. Knit 5, knit 2 together across row
2. Purl
3. Knit 4, knit 2 together across row
4. Purl
5. Knit 3, knit 2 together across row
6. Purl
7. Knit 2, knit 2 together across row
8. Purl
9. Knit 1, knit 2 together across row
10. Purl
11. Knit 2 together across row
12. Purl 2 together across row

Pull all stitches through needle and gather. Sew side seam.

The top knot (optional) is done using the I-cord stitch with the last 4 stitches. Work about 2 ½-3 inches. Tie in a knot.

This may be done on double pointed needles also. Just knit all rows after the ribbing instead of knit/purl rows.



