

KORU

Abbreviations:

Ktbl: knit through the back loop (creates a twisted st)

SSK: slip the next 2 sts from the l needle knitwise, slip back onto the l needle, then k2tog.

Notes:



Baby hat in 3-6 month size
With Silver Fern motif

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You will need:

- 25 grams DK weight yarn—I used Woolganic knitters yarn. (1 ball will make 2 hats)

<http://organicwool.com.au/yarns.html> for stockists.

- 1 set 3 mm DPNs
- 1 set 4.5 mm DPNs
- 3 stitch markers

See abbreviations list if required.

You will be knitting on a set of 4 needles.

Using 3 mm needles cast on 72 sts and arrange over 3 needles (24 sts on each needle)

I am going to assume that you will remember to repeat each section over the 3 needles.

Work 10 rows 1x1 rib.



Change to 4.5 mm needles.

You will be knitting each needle as a complete section.

Row 1: k5, p1, k1tbl, p1, k16 repeat for remaining 2 needles.

Repeat the previous row 7 times.

Row 9: k1, p 5, place marker, SSK, p 5, k 11.

Row 10: k to marker, SSK, k to end.

Repeat the previous 2 rows twice.

Row 15: k2, p4, SSK, p4, k to end.

Row 16: k to marker, SSK, k to end.

Repeat the previous 2 rows once.

Row 19: k3, p 3, SSK, p 3, k to end.



Row 20: k to marker, SSK, k to end.

Repeat the previous 2 rows once.

Row 23: k 4, p2, SSK, p2, k to end.

Row 24: k to marker, SSK, k to end.

Now you will have to re-arrange the sts on your needles, knit the first 4 sts on the first needle onto the end of the 3rd needle, then slip the first 4 sts on the second needle onto the end of the first needle, and then the first 4 sts of the third needle onto the end of the second needle.

Start at the beginning of needle 1.

Row 25: p2, SSK, p2, k2

Row 26: k2, SSK, k3

Row 27: k1, p1, SSK, p1 k to end.

Row 28: k to marker, SSK k to end.

Row 29: k1, p1, SSK, k1

Row 30: k2, SSK remove markers.

Change to 3 mm needles. Work 10 rows of i-cord over these 3 sts.

Cast off by pulling yarn through loops and pull tight. Leave a long tail (15 cm)

Repeat for other needles. You will have 3 i-cord tubes.

Secure hole at the top of the hat, then use the long tails to stitch the i-cords into koru (fern tip) shapes. I kept one quite tall, the next medium and the last tightly coiled and stitched down. The Silver Fern is a symbol of new Zealand, often worn by sporting teams. The Koru is the new unfurling tip of the fern and promises new hope and unlimited potential—just like a baby!

