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BRITISH HAND KNITTING
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4 PLY

MATINEE COAT AND HELMET

MEASUREMENTS	Prem	Prem	0-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	
To Fit Chest	31 12	36 14	41 16	46 18	51 20	cm in
Actual Measurement	35 13½	38 15	45 17½	51 20	59 23½	cm in
Full Length	21 8¼	25 9¾	28 11	30 11¾	33 13	cm in
Sleeve Length (adjustable)	8 3	12 4¾	15 6	17 6½	20 8	cm in

Helmet To Fit an average size baby/child's head for the age indicated.

Quality						Balls
Matinee Coat						
4 ply	White	1	2	2	3	50 gm
Helmet						
4 ply	White	1	1	1	1	50 gm

The quantities of yarn are based upon average requirements and are therefore approximate.

MATERIALS	
1 Pair of 3¼mm (UK10 - USA3) Knitting Needles.	Stitch Holders.
1 Pair of 2¾mm (UK12 - USA2) Knitting Needles.	6 Buttons.
TENSION	
28 sts and 36 rows to 10cm, (4in) over stocking stitch on 3¼mm needles or the size required to give correct tension. Check your tension - if less stitches use a thinner needle, if more use a thicker needle.	
IT IS ESSENTIAL TO WORK TO THE STATED TENSION TO ENSURE SUCCESS.	

ABBREVIATIONS

alt alternate	rep repeat
beg beginning	rs right side
cont continue	yrn yarn round
dec decrease(ing)	needle
folll following	st(s) stitch(es)
inc increase(ing)	tog together
k knit	ws wrong side
0 no stitches or rows	yfwd yarn forward
p purl	cm centimetres
patt pattern	mm millimetres
rem remain(ing)	in inch(es)

Circle the size you wish to make

MATINEE COAT BACK

Using 3¼mm needles and thumb method, cast on 53 [59:75:85:99] sts.

1st and 2nd Rows. Knit.

3rd Row. K1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end.

4th Row. * P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt. Keeping continuity of patt as set cont until back measures approximately 5 [6:7:7:8]cm, (2 [2½:2¾:2¾:3]in), ending with 4th row of patt.

Proceed as follows:-

1st Row. Knit.

2nd Row. Purl.

These 2 rows will now be referred to as **st-st** (stocking stitch).

Working in st-st (throughout) dec 1 st at each end of 3rd and every foll 6th [6th:4th:4th:4th] row to 49 [53:63:71:83] sts. Cont without shaping until back measures 11 [14:16:17:19]cm,

(4¼ [5½:6¼:6½:7½]in), ending with a ws row.

Shape Raglan

Cast off 4 [4:5:5:5] sts at beg of next 2 rows.

41 [45:53:61:73] sts.

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd sizes only

Work 8 [8:4] rows dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4th [4th:0] row. 37 [41:51] sts.

For 5th size only

Work 6 rows dec 1 st at each end of every row. [61] sts.

For all 5 sizes

Work 20 [22:28:36:32] rows dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 17 [19:23:25:29] sts. Cast off rem 17 [19:23:25:29] sts.

For a Girl

LEFT FRONT

Using 3¼mm needles and thumb method, cast on 33 [35:43:51:57] sts.

1st and 2nd Rows. Knit.

3rd Row. * K1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.

4th Row. * P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt. Keeping continuity of patt as set cont until left front measures approximately 5 [6:7:7:8]cm,

(2 [2½:2¾:2¾:3]in), ending with 4th row of patt.

Proceed as follows:-

Next Row. Patt.

Next Row. Patt 11 [11:11:15:15], slip these 11 [11:11:15:15] sts onto a stitch holder for border, purl to end dec 1 [0:0:1:0] sts evenly across row for 1st and 4th sizes only. 21 [24:32:35:42] sts.

Working in st-st (throughout), dec 1 st at side edge in 3rd and every foll 6th [6th:4th:4th:4th] row to 19 [21:26:28:34] sts. Cont without shaping until left front measures 11 [14:16:17:19]cm, (4¼ [5½:6¼:6½:7½]in), ending with a ws row.

Shape Raglan

Cast off 4 [4:5:5:5] sts, knit to end. 15 [17:21:23:29] sts.

Next Row. Purl.

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd sizes only

Work 8 [8:4] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll 4th [4th:0] row. 13 [15:20] sts.

For 5th size only

Work 6 rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in every row. [23] sts.

For all 5 sizes

Work 14 [14:18:26:22] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll alt row. 6 [8:11:10:12] sts.

Shape Neck

Work 1 [3:7:5:9] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll 0 [2nd:2nd:2nd:2nd] row, AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll 0 [2nd:2nd:2nd:2nd] row. 4 [4:3:4:2] sts.

Work 3 [3:1:3:0] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge only in 2nd [2nd:0:2nd:0] row. 3 [3:3:3:2] sts.

For 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only

Next Row. K2tog, k1. 2 sts.

For all 5 sizes

Next Row. P2tog. Fasten off. With rs facing, working on rem 11 [11:11:15:15] sts left on a stitch holder for border. Proceed as follows:-

Next Row. Cast on 1 st, patt to end. 12 [12:12:16:16] sts.
(Cast on st to be used for sewing front border to front).
Cont in patt until border is of sufficient length to go up front to neck shaping, ending with a ws row.

Cast off in patt.

Sew front border in position.

Place 3 markers on front border as follows:- the first marker 9 [13:13:15:17]cm, (3½ [5¼: 5¼:6:6½]in), up from the lower edge and the last one 1 cm down from cast off edge and rem 1 marker evenly spaced between these 2 markers.

For a Girl

RIGHT FRONT

Using 3¼mm needles and thumb method, cast on 33 [35:43:51:57] sts.

1st and 2nd Rows Knit.

3rd Row. * K1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.

4th Row. *P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt. Keeping continuity of patt as set cont until right front measures approximately 5 [6:7:7:8]cm, (2 [2½:2¾:2¾:3]in), ending with 4th row of patt.

Proceed as follows:-

Next Row. Patt.

Next Row. P22 [24:32:36:42] dec 1 [0:0:1:0] sts evenly across row for 1st and 4th sizes only, slip rem 11 [11:11:15:15] sts onto a stitch holder for border. 21 [24:32:35:42] sts. Working in st-st (throughout), dec 1 st at side edge in 3rd and every foll 6th [6th:4th:4th:4th] row to 19 [21:26:28:34] sts. Cont without shaping until right front measures 11 [14:16: 17:19]cm, (4¼ [5½:6¼: 6½:7½]in), ending with a rs row.

Shape Raglan

Cast off 4 [4:5:5:5] sts, purl to end. 15 [17:21:23:29] sts.

For 1st, 2nd and 3rd sizes only

Work 8 [8:4] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll 4th [4th:0] row. 13 [15:20] sts.

For 5th size only

Work 6 rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in every row. [23] sts.

For all 5 sizes

Work 14 [14:18:26:22] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll alt row. 6 [8:11:10:12] sts.

Shape Neck

Work 1 [3:7:5:9] rows, dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll 0 [2nd:2nd:2nd:2nd] row AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at raglan edge in next and every foll 0 [2nd:2nd:2nd:2nd] row. 4 [4:3:4:2] sts.

Work 3 [3:1:3:0] rows dec 1 st at raglan edge only in 2nd [2nd: 0:2nd:0] row. 3 [3:3:3:2] sts.

For 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only

Next Row. K1, k2tog. 2 sts.

For all 5 sizes

Next Row. P2tog. Fasten off. With ws facing, working on rem 11 [11:11:15:15] sts left on a stitch holder for border.

Proceed as follows:-

Next Row. Cast on 1 st, patt to end. 12 [12:12:16:16] sts.

(Cast on st to be used for sewing front border to front).

Cont in patt until border measures 9 [13:13:15:17]cm, (3½ [5¼:5¼:6:6½]in), ending with a ws row.

Next Row (Buttonhole Row).

Patt 2 [2:2:3:3], k2tog, yfwd, patt 3 [3:3:5:5], k2tog, yfwd, patt 3 [3:3:4:4].

Cont in patt until border is of sufficient length to go up front to neck shaping working buttonholes on a rs row as before to correspond with markers, ending with a ws row. Cast off in patt.

Sew front border in position.

For a Boy

RIGHT FRONT

Work as given for Right Front for a Girl omitting buttonholes.

Place 3 markers on front border as follows:- the first marker 9 [13:13:15:17]cm, (3½ [5¼: 5¼:6:6½]in), up from the lower edge and the last one 1 cm down from cast off edge and rem 1 marker evenly spaced between these 2 markers.

For a Boy

LEFT FRONT

Work as given for Left Front for a Girl omitting markers and working buttonholes to correspond with markers on

Right Front and working first buttonhole on a rs row as follows:-

Buttonhole Row. Patt 3 [3:3: 4:4], k2tog, yfwd, patt 3 [3:3: 5:5], k2tog, yfwd, patt 2 [2:2: 3:3].

Cont in patt until border is of sufficient length to go up front to neck shaping working buttonholes as before to correspond with markers, ending with a ws row.

Cast off in patt.

Sew front border in position.

SLEEVES (Both alike)

Using 2¾mm needles and thumb method cast on 35 [41:45:45:47] sts.

1st and 2nd Rows. Knit.

3rd Row. K1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end.

4th Row. * P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt. Keeping continuity of patt as set, work 3 [4:4:4:4]cm, (1¼ [1½:1½:1½:1½]in), ending with a ws row.

Change to 3¼mm needles and proceed as follows:-

Working in st-st (throughout) inc 1 st at each end in 5th and every foll 4th [12th:12th: 6th:6th] row to 39 [45:51: 49:55] sts.

For 4th and 5th sizes only

Inc 1 st at each end of every foll 8th row. [55:61] sts.

For all 5 sizes

Cont without shaping until sleeve measures 8 [12:15: 17:20]cm, (3 [4¾:6:6½:8]in), ending with a ws row.

Shape Raglan

Cast off 4 [4:5:5:5] sts at beg of next 2 rows.

31 [37:41:45:51] sts.

Work 16 [8:12:12:8] rows dec 1 st at each end in next and every foll 4th row.

23 [33:35:39:47] sts.

Work 12 [22:20:24:30] rows dec 1 st at each end in next and every foll alt row.

11 [11:15:15:17] sts.

Cast off rem 11 [11:15:15:17] sts.

COLLAR

Join raglan seams. With rs facing using 2¾mm needles, starting halfway across right front border pick up and knit

11 [12:14:17:17] sts evenly along right side of neck, 11 [11:15:15:17] sts from top of right sleeve, 17 [19:23:25:29] sts from cast off edge at back of neck, 11 [11:15:15:17] sts from top of left sleeve and 11 [12:14:17:17] sts evenly along left side of neck, ending half way across left front border.

61 [65:81:89:97] sts.

Knit 2 rows.

Proceed as follows:-

1st Row. K1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end.

2nd Row. * P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

3rd Row. Knit.

4th Row. Knit.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt. Keeping continuity of patt as set work 4 [4:5:6:6]cm, (1½ [1½:2:2½:2½]in), ending with a 4th row. Cast off in patt.

TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Pin out garment to the measurement given on front page. Cover with damp cloths and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

HELMET

RIGHT EAR FLAP

Strap

Using 2¾mm needles and thumb method cast on 7 sts.

Proceed as follows:-

1st Row. K2, p1, k1, p1, k2.

2nd row. K1, (p1, k1) 3 times.

1st and 2nd rows set rib and edging.

3rd Row (Buttonhole Row).

K2, p2tog, yrn, p1, k2.

Cont in patt until work measures 2.5 [2.5:2.5:3:3]cm, (1 [1:1:1¼:1¼]in), ending with a ws row.

Next Row. K2, pick up loop between last and next st and work into the back of this loop, (this will now be referred to as

m1), rib to last 2 sts, m1, k2. 9 sts.

Next Row. K1, p1, rib to last 2 st, p1, k1.

Rep last 2 rows 5 [5:7:7:9] times.

19 [19:23:23:27] sts.

Next Row. K2, * p1, k1, rep from * to last st, k1.

Next Row. K1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end.

Rep last 2 rows until ear flap measures 1.5 [1.5:2.5:3:3]cm, (½ [½:1:1¼:1¼]in), from last inc row, ending with a ws row.

Next Row. Knit.

Next Row. Purl.

Break off yarn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT EAR FLAP

Work as given for Right Flap omitting buttonhole.

Main Section

Using 2¾mm needles and thumb method, cast on 81 [89:101:107:121] sts.

1st and 2nd Rows. Knit.

3rd Row. K1, * p1, k1, rep from * to end.

4th Row. * P1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

From 1st to 4th row sets patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set cont until hat measures

4 [4:5:5:5]cm, (1½ [1½:2:2]in), ending with a rs row.

Join Ear Flaps

Change to 3¼mm needles and proceed as follows:-

Next Row. K5 [7:7:9:12], holding rs of Left Ear Flap against rs of main section knit tog next st of main section with first st of Ear Flap, knit tog next 19 [19:23:23:27] sts of main section with rem 19 [19:23:23:27] sts of Earflap, knit the next 33 [37:41:43:43], holding rs of Right Ear Flap against rs of main section with first st of Ear Flap, in the same way knit 19 [19:23:23:27] sts of main section with rem 19 [19:23:

23:27] sts of Ear Flap, knit 5 [7:7:9:12].

81 [89:101:107:121] sts.

Next Row. Purl.

Proceed as follows:-

1st Row. Knit.

2nd Row. Purl.

These 2 rows will now be referred to as **st-st** (stocking stitch).

Working in st-st (throughout) cont until work measures 8 [9:11:12:13]cm, (3 [3½:4¼:4¾:5¼]in), ending with a rs row.

Next Row. Purl to end, dec 2 [4:4:4:0] sts evenly across row for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th sizes only.

79 [85:97:103:121] sts.

Shape Crown

1st Row. K1, * k4, k2tog, rep from * to end.

66 [71:81:86:101] sts.

Work 3 rows.

5th Row. K1, * k3, k2tog, rep from * to end.

53 [57:65:69:81] sts.

Work 3 rows.

9th Row. K1, * k2, k2tog, rep from * to end.

40 [43:49:52:61] sts.

Work 3 rows.

13th Row. K1, * k1, k2tog, rep from * to end.

27 [29:33:35:41] sts.

Work 1 row.

15th Row. K1, (k2tog) 13 [14:16:17:20] times.

14 [15:17:18:21] sts.

16th Row. P0 [1:1:0:1], (p2tog), 7 [7:8:9:10] times. 7 [8:9:9:11] sts.

Break off yarn, run yarn through rem sts, draw up and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Join back seam reversing sewing for turn back. Make pom pom and attach to centre of crown. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.