### **Knitted Preemie Cap**

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### Materials:

One ball of sport or DK gauge yarn Knitting needles sizes 3 and 5 or size to obtain gauge Satin ribbon 1/8" wide, 2/3 yard Tapestry needle

# Gauge:

In St st with larger needles, 6 sts = 1"; 8 rows = 1"

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#### Brim:

Using smaller needles, cast on 57 sts

Rows 1 and 3: K 1; \*p 1, k 1: rep from \* across. Rows 2 and 4: P 1; \*k 1, p 1; rep from \* across.

Change to larger needles and knit across next row, increasing 3 sts evenly spaced – 60 sts. Purl one row.

## Eyelet Row (RS):

K 1; \*k 2 tog, yo; rep from \* across, ending with k 1.

Beg with a purl row, work in St st until  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " from beg, decreasing 4 sts evenly spaced across last WS row – 56 sts.

### Shape Top:

Row 1(RS): \*K 5, k2 tog; rep from \* across – 48 sts.

Row 2 and all WS Rows: Purl across.

Row 3: \* K 4, k 2 tog; rep from \* across -40 sts.

Continue as established, decreasing 8 sts evenly spaced every RS row until 8 sts rem. Purl one row, then cut yarn, leaving a small tail.

## Finishing:

Weave yarn tail through remaining sts and pull tightly to close top. Sew back seam. Weave ribbon through eyelet row, tying a bow in center front.