FOLKESTONE BEACH
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Folkestone Beach is a versatile, pixie-shaped hat that will suit everyone from newborn to teenager. The bobble detail pops throughout the hat to create a contemporary textured design, reminiscent of the shingle on Folkstone Beach.

Materials

Yarn: DK Preemie: 53 metres/58 yards, **Newborn**: *72* metres /79 yards,
6 months: 102 metres /112 yards, *12 months*: 121 metres /132 yards, **Child/teen**: 143 metres/156 yards

Shown in: Peter Pan Merino Baby (100% Pure Ultra Soft Superwash Wool: 116 metres/127 yards per 50g) Shades: Preemie 3031 Cream, Newborn 3044 Duck Egg, 6 months 3038 Apricot, 12 months 3036 Raspberry, Child/teen 3040 Lime

Needle size: 4 and 4.5mm or size to obtain gauge/tension. You can use DPNs or circular needles, whichever you're most comfortable with.

Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle

Size

Finished measurements

Preemie: 12 inch circumference

Newborn: 14 inch circumference

6 months: 16 inch circumference

12 months: 18 inch circumference

Child/teen: 20 inch circumference

Tension

5½ sts x 8 rows to 1" over pattern

Abbrieviations

St(s) – Stitch(es)   **K** – Knit

K2tog – Knit 2 stitches together

Special Stitches

MB: Knit the next stitch, but do not lift it off the left-hand needle. Instead, place your knitted stitch from the right to left-hand needle. You have added 1 stitch. Repeat this action and add another stitch. (You have turned 1 st into 3, all on your left-hand needle). Knit the new 2 stitches, then knit the third stitch through the back loop. Pass the first two stitches over your third stitch.

Pattern notes:

If knitting in the round with interchangeable needles using a smaller needle in your left hand can help with slipping the stitches off easier.

If you pull the stitches immediately before and after the MB stitch, the bobble sits higher.

When working the row after your MB row, try to draw the stitches either side of the bobble tighter, to help your bobble pop.

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Key

☐ Knit

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Pattern

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: *K1, MB, K4, repeat from * to end of row

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: *K4, MB, K1, repeat from * to end of row

Row 8: Knit

These 8 rows form the pattern, work number of rows as per instructions indicated for the size you are making.

Instructions

Using smaller needles cast on 60 (72, 84, 96, 108) stitches

Join to work in the round and complete 6 (6, 6, 8, 8) rows of 2×2 rib

Change to larger needles

Beginning with row 5 (1, 1, 5, 5) of pattern, work 23 (27, 35, 39, 43) rows in total. Your last row will be row 3 of the pattern.

Crown Shaping

Row 1: *K10, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: *K9, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 4: *K4, MB, repeat from * to end

Row 5: K*8, K2tog repeat from * to end

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: * K7, K2tog repeat from * to end

Row 8: K1, MB, * K4, MB, K2, MB, repeat from * to last st, K1

Row 9: * K6, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 10: Knit

Row 11: * K5, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 12: *K3, MB, K2, repeat from * to end

Row 13: * K4, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 14: Knit

Row 15: * Knit 3, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 16: *K1, MB K2, repeat from * to end

Rows 17 and 18: Knit

Row 19: * K2, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 20: * K2, MB, repeat from * to end

Rows 21 and 22: Knit

Row 23: *K1, K2tog, repeat from * to end

Row 24: *K1, MB, repeat from * to end

Rows 25 and 26: Knit

Row 27: K (for preemie size K2tog and finish)

Row 28: *MB, K1, repeat from * to end

Rows 29 and 30: Knit

Row 31: *K2tog repeat from * to end

Finishing

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail and thread through remaining stitches.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

If you do block the hat, be careful not to squash the bobbles.

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Having been taught to knit by her Nan at the age of five, Lora didn't pick her needles up again until she was 11, when she made her first jumper. With the impending birth of her first child, she returned to knitting and has been obsessed ever since. She is hoping to find more time to design and write up the patterns she designs. You can find more of her work on her blog.