Bitty Bug Hat Knitting Pattern

Materials:

- Yarn: Approximately 50 yards of worsted (4) weight yarn for smaller sizes and approx. 80 yards for larger sizes. (I used Handspun Thick and Thin worsted from an Etsy shop)

- Knitting Needles: Size 5.0 mm (US 8) Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method) and (optional) Straight Needles OR size needed to obtain gauge

- Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- K2tog: Knit two stitches together

- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Gauge:

9 sts and 13 rows = 2 inches (5 centimeters) in stockinette stitch
It is important to check your gauge!

Average Head Circumference:

Preemie: 11.5-13"
Newborn: 13-14"
0-3 Months: 14-15"
3-6 Months: 14-17"
6-12 Months: 16-19"
1-3 Years: 18-20"
3-10 Years: 19-20.5"

Preemie Pattern (approx. 5 lbs.)

CO 44 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker.
Rounds 1-5: *K2, P2* Repeat around
Rounds 6-24: Knit
Round 25: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 26: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 27: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 28: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 29: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)
Round 30: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 10 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 10 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 29-35: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 36: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 37-39: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 37
Row 40: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 41: Purl
Row 42: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-42 for the second set of 10 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

Newborn Pattern

CO 48 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the Magic Loop Method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker.
Rounds 1-5: *K2, P2* Repeat around
Rounds 6-25: Knit
Round 26: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 27: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 28: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 29: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 30: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 31: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)
Round 32: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 10 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 10 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1

Row 14: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 29-35: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 36: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 37-39: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 37
Row 40: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 41: Purl
Row 42: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-42 for the second set of 10 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

0-3 Month Pattern

Cast on 50 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the magic loop method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker
Rounds 1-5: K2, *P2, K2* Repeat around
Rounds 6-25: Knit
Round 26: *K2tog, K23* Repeat around (48 total sts)
Round 27: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 28: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 29: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 30: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 31: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 32: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)
Round 33: *K2tog, K4* Repeat around (20 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 10 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 10 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 29-35: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 36: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 37-39: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 37
Row 40: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 41: Purl
Row 42: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-42 for the second set of 10 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

3-6 Month Pattern

Cast on 54 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the magic loop method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker
Rounds 1-5: K2, *P2, K2* Repeat around
Rounds 6-29: Knit
Round 30: *K2tog, K25* Repeat around (52 total sts)
Round 31: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (48 total sts)
Round 32: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 33: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 34: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 35: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 36: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 37: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 12 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 12 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 29-37: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 38: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 39-43: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 39
Row 44: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 45-47: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 45
Row 48: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 49: Purl
Row 50: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-50 for the second set of 12 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

6-12 Month Pattern

Cast on 60 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the magic loop method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker
Rounds 1-6: *K2, P2* Repeat around
Rounds 7-31: Knit
Round 32: *K2tog, K13* Repeat around (56 total sts)
Round 33: *K2tog, K12* Repeat around (52 total sts)
Round 34: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (48 total sts)
Round 35: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 36: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 37: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 38: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 39: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 40: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 12 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 12 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 29-37: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 38: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 39-43: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 39
Row 44: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 45-47: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 45
Row 48: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 49: Purl
Row 50: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-50 for the second set of 12 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

12 Month – 3 Year Pattern

Cast on 64 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the magic loop method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker
Rounds 1-6: *K2, P2* Repeat around
Rounds 7-33: Knit
Round 34: *K2tog, K14* Repeat around (60 total sts)
Round 35: *K2tog, K13* Repeat around (56 total sts)
Round 36: *K2tog, K12* Repeat around (52 total sts)
Round 37: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (48 total sts)
Round 38: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 39: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 40: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 41: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 42: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)
Round 43: *K2tog, K5* Repeat around (24 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 12 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 12 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 29-37: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 38: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 39-43: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 39
Row 44: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 45-47: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 45
Row 48: K2tog, K2tog (2 total sts)
Row 49: Purl
Row 50: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-50 for the second set of 12 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

Child 3 – 10 Years Pattern

Cast on 68 sts onto Double Pointed Needles (or use the magic loop method)
Join in the round and place stitch marker
Rounds 1-6: *K2, P2* Repeat around
Rounds 7-36: Knit
Round 37: *K2tog, K15* Repeat around (64 total sts)
Round 38: *K2tog, K14* Repeat around (60 total sts)
Round 39: *K2tog, K13* Repeat around (56 total sts)
Round 40: *K2tog, K12* Repeat around (52 total sts)
Round 41: *K2tog, K11* Repeat around (48 total sts)
Round 42: *K2tog, K10* Repeat around (44 total sts)
Round 43: *K2tog, K9* Repeat around (40 total sts)
Round 44: *K2tog, K8* Repeat around (36 total sts)
Round 45: *K2tog, K7* Repeat around (32 total sts)
Round 46: *K2tog, K6* Repeat around (28 total sts)

Split stitches so there are 14 on two needles (move to straight needles now if you are more comfortable working with them). Place one set of 14 on stitch holder (See picture 1). Follow instructions below for the other set.

Rows 1-13: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 1
Row 14: K2tog, K10, K2tog (12 total sts)
Rows 15-27: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 15
Row 28: K2tog, K8, K2tog (10 total sts)
Rows 29-37: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 29
Row 38: K2tog, K6, K2tog (8 total sts)
Rows 39-45: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 39
Row 46: K2tog, K4, K2tog (6 total sts)
Rows 47-51: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 47
Row 52: K2tog, K2, K2tog (4 total sts)
Rows 53-55: Alternate between knitting and purling, purling row 53
Row 56: K2tog, K2tog
Row 57: Purl
Row 58: K2tog

Secure your yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Repeat rows 1-58 for the second set of 14 stitches. Secure yarn and cut with a 9-12 inch tail. Using your yarn needle and a separate piece of yarn, stitch the center point of the two "tendrils" together. Hide your stitching as much as possible. Secure. Roll the "tendrils" under to the point that you like them best. Use your yarn needle and your yarn tails to secure them in position. You may need to tack them in a couple of different spots. Secure and weave in all ends.

Picture 1