

Marius Bonnet
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(size 3-6 months)

Begin with **the back of the head**, which is knit in the round on DPNs or a circular needle (using the magic loop technique). The star-spiral is formed by the increases.

CO 6 sts and knit in the round as follows:

Rnd 1 : *K1, YO1* repeat to the end of the round, i.e. 6 times (12 sts total)

Rnd 2 (and every even rnd) : K all sts

Rnd 3 : *K1, YO1, K1* repeat (18 sts total)

Rnd 5 : *K1, YO1, K2* repeat (24 sts)

etc. ... continue increasing 1 st 6 times in each odd rnd until you have a disc around 11/12 cm across. (*I get 96 sts on my needles.*)

The **top and sides** are formed by a rectangular band of lace, knit back and forth. Put about 5 cm of sts on a stitch holder (a bit less than one of the six sides of the back of the head), in order to have a number of sts (multiple of 7) +2. (*I put 10 sts on the holder in order to have 12 repeats of the lace pattern.*)

Row 1 : P2, *YO1, SKP1, K1, K2tog, YO1, P2*. Repeat to the end of the row.

Row 2 : K2, *P5, K2*

Row 3 : P2, *K1, YO1, Sl2 tog, K1, P2SSO, K1, P2*

Row 4 : like row 2

Repeat these 4 rows for about 8 cm. (*I have a total of $11 \times 4 = 44$ rows of lace.*)

Finish with a K1P1 rib border about 1.5 cm (*I only did 4 rows*) and BO.

To finish, pick up stitches along one short side of the lace band (2 sts every 3 rows), pick back up the sts left on the stitch holder at the back of the cap, and pick up stitches along the other short side of the lace band to match. Then CO extra sts to make a small strap (to hold the bonnet under the neck), about 11 cm long. (*I get $34 + 10 + 34 + 34 = 112$ sts.*)

Knit a K1P1 rib border over the same number of rows as above and BO. (*On the 3rd row, I included 4 small buttonholes by doing making YO1, K2tog in place of the 4th and 5th rib stitches, and then the 8th and 9th... in case my strap were too long.*)

Make a small buttonhole (e.g., crocheted buttonhole) at the end of the strap (*or keep a short bit of yarn to make one when the strap becomes too short*), and sew a small **button** on the other side of the bottom of the bonnet.