



Baby Hat Knitting Pattern-Beginner Tutorial and Fisherman Rib Knit Option

This baby hat will [easily be a one skein project](#), in fact you may get two or three little hats from one skein. This hat is meant for a newborn, but it would probably work for a preemie too and make a great charity gift for hospitals that have neonatal units and need hats for the little ones.

So, pick out a soft baby yarn in the color of your choice. Use A Size 6, American or 4.25mm knitting needles.

NOTE: now since you are new to knitting it is going to be very important that you practice knitting just back and forth over 15 stitches. You want to make a swatch to make sure you are not going to make a hat large enough for your head. This is a baby hat. So make your little swatch and practice until you get your stitches small and tight enough to meet this gauge. So those 15 stitches in a swatch should equal four inches. Go ahead, take the time to do this. You can thank me later.

Now the only stitches you are going to use are

- Knit
- Purl
- K2tog (knit two together)
- Cast on
- Bind off
- Seam sewing

I have placed a video at the end for each of these things, except knit and purl, I figure you already can do that.

Now Lets Take A Look At the Parts Of the Hat



Cast on 40 st. (You can use any cast on you are comfortable with, but I recommend the long tail cast on. It is easy and quick. See Video)

Note: knit the first stitch of every row. And slip the last stitch as if to purl on every row. Regardless of what the pattern says. More on this in a minute. in fact, do that through the whole pattern, (it will make counting and sewing so much easier.) so knit the first stitch of every row, and slip the last stitch as if to purl, of every row.

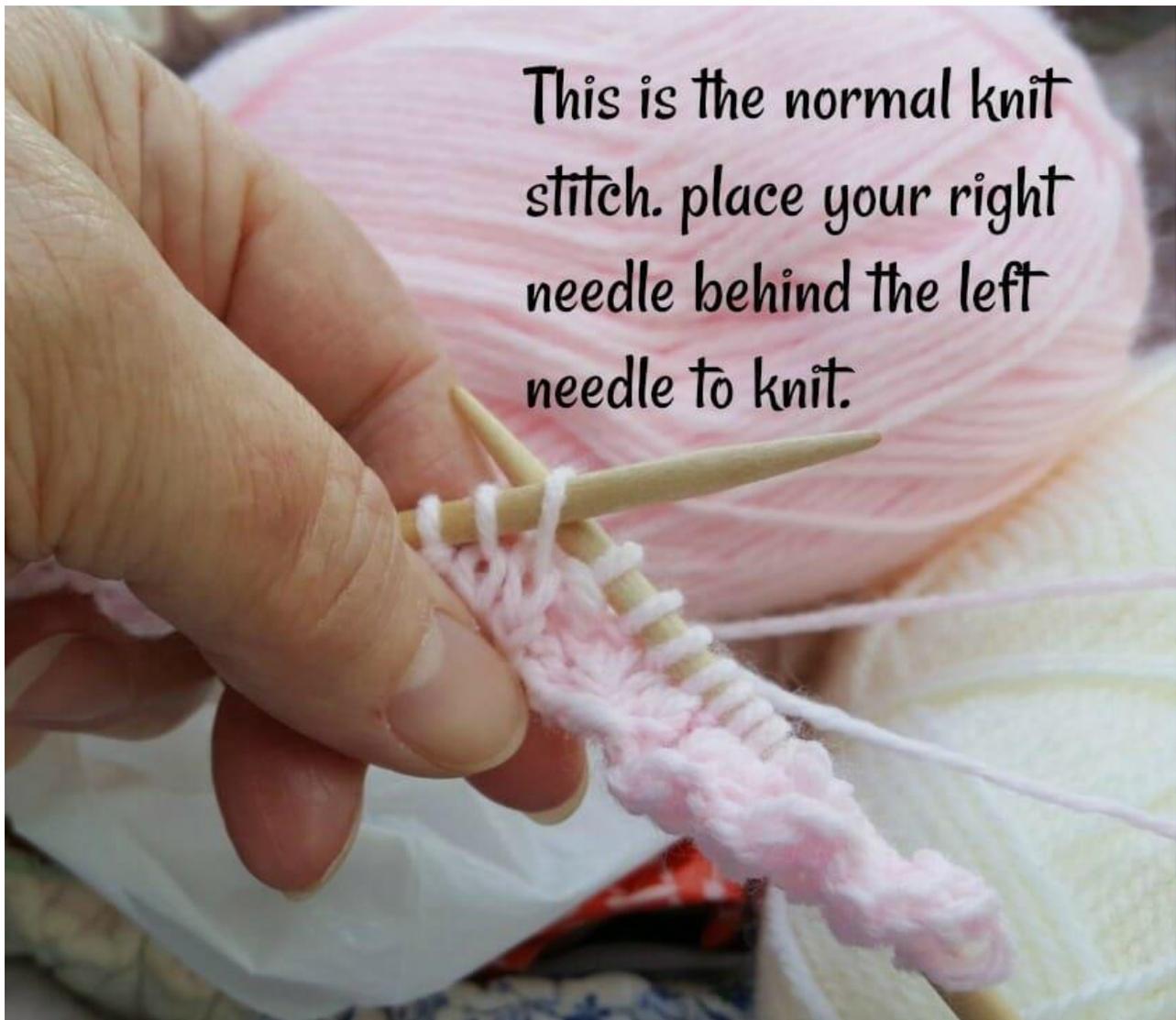
Row 1: knit 1, k1, p2 , continue in K2,P2, until the last stitch, then slip 2 as if to purl. This is the ribbing (See Picture).

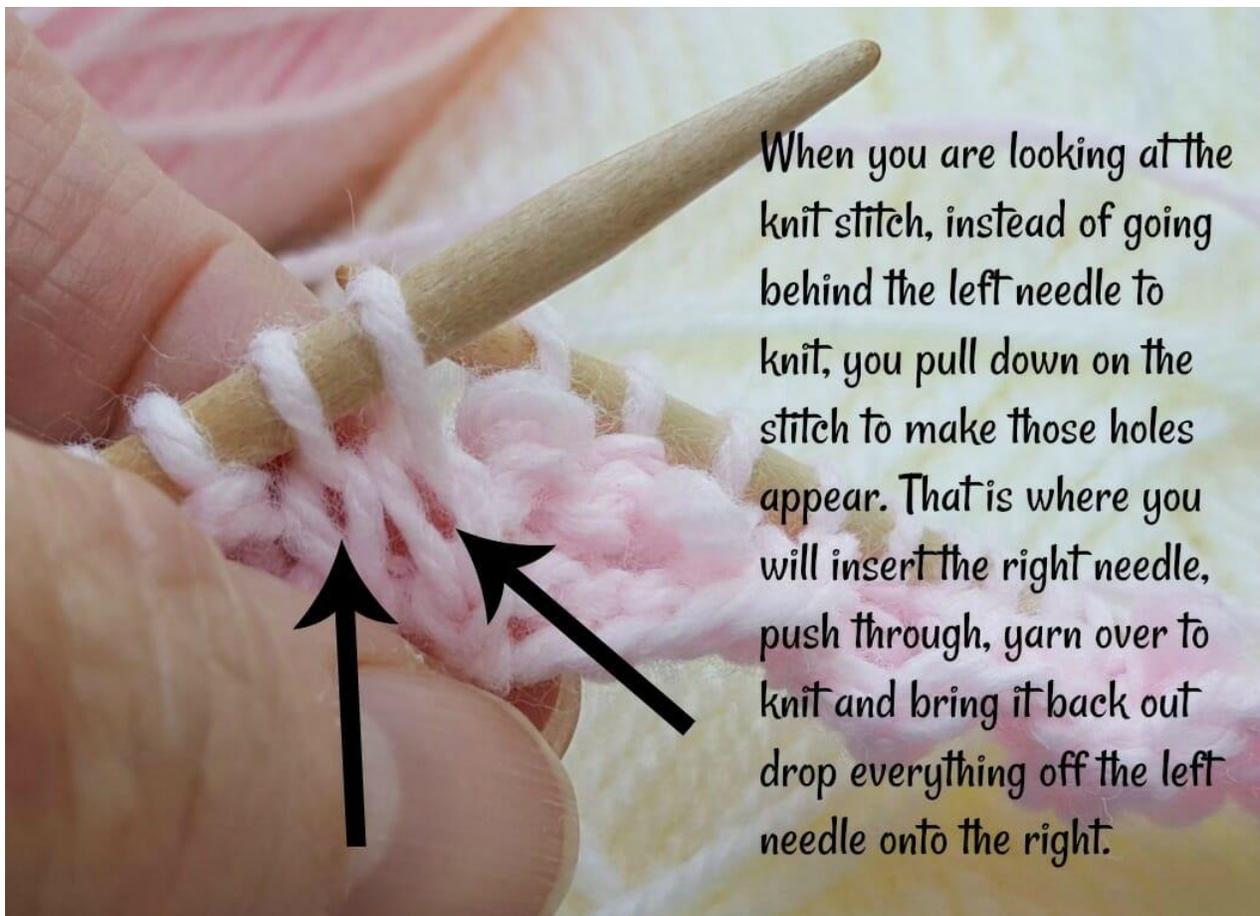
Because in this baby hat knitting pattern, we are starting with an even number of stitches and doing an even count pattern, K2P2 or K1B K1B P2 for fisherman, it is already set up for you to slip the last stitch as if to purl, because you are already purling. And the first row stitch is already knitting. So, easy peasey. (This is only while you are doing the ribbing, when you get into the body and crown, see picture, you will just need to remember always knit the first stitch and slip as if to purl the last stitch, on every row. Don't worry, more in a second that will make it all clear.)

A Note About Fisherman Rib Knit if that is the way you choose to go for the ribbing:

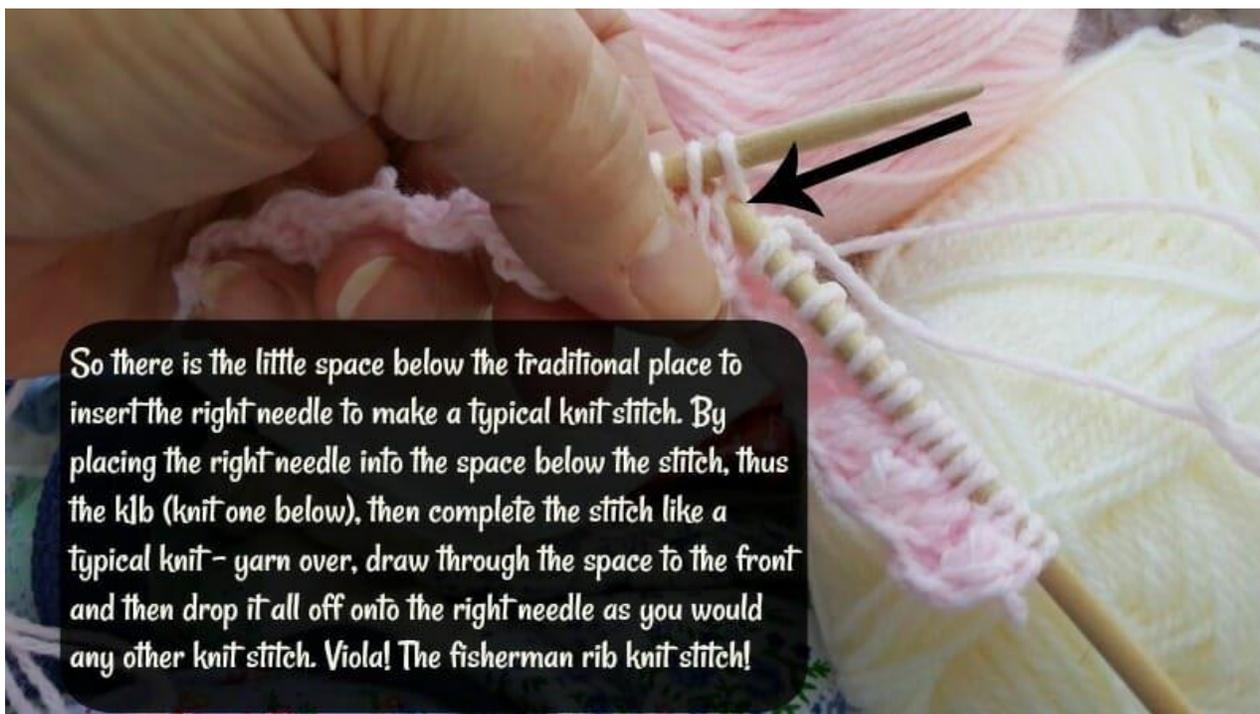
A variation of this ribbing that I really enjoy and is just as easy once you learn it, is Fisherman Rib Stitch. It is knit the same way except you knit in the stitch below instead of the regular knit. Here is a [tutorial post on the Fisherman Rib Knit](#))

Pictorial Tutorial of How to Make the Fisherman Rib Knit Stitch

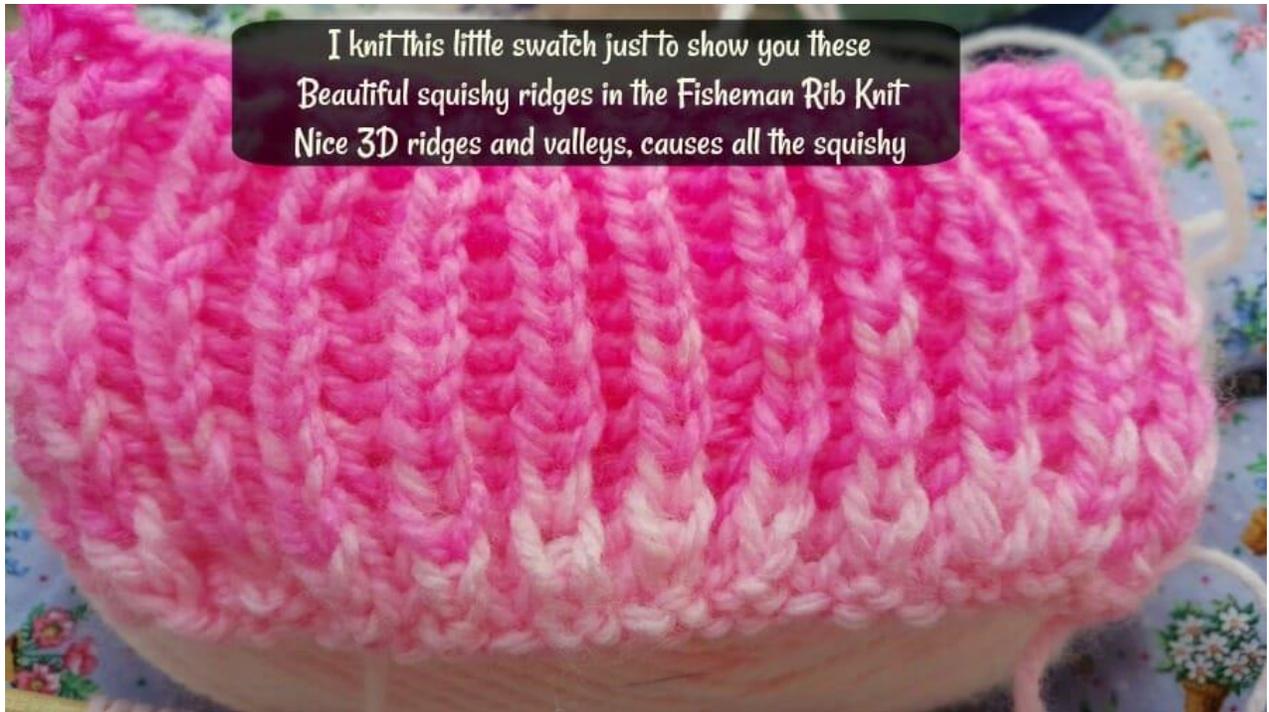




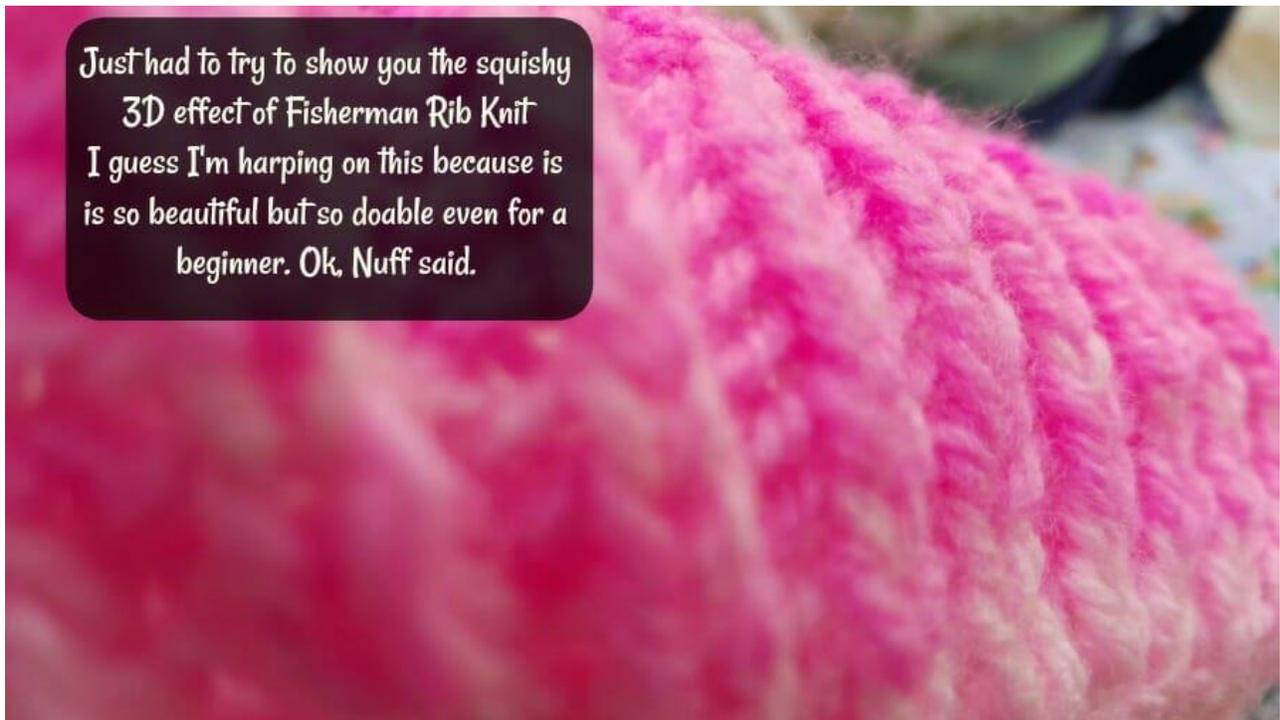
When you are looking at the knit stitch, instead of going behind the left needle to knit, you pull down on the stitch to make those holes appear. That is where you will insert the right needle, push through, yarn over to knit and bring it back out drop everything off the left needle onto the right.



So there is the little space below the traditional place to insert the right needle to make a typical knit stitch. By placing the right needle into the space below the stitch, thus the k1b (knit one below), then complete the stitch like a typical knit - yarn over, draw through the space to the front and then drop it all off onto the right needle as you would any other knit stitch. Viola! The fisherman rib knit stitch!



I knit this little swatch just to show you these Beautiful squishy ridges in the Fisherman Rib Knit Nice 3D ridges and valleys, causes all the squishy

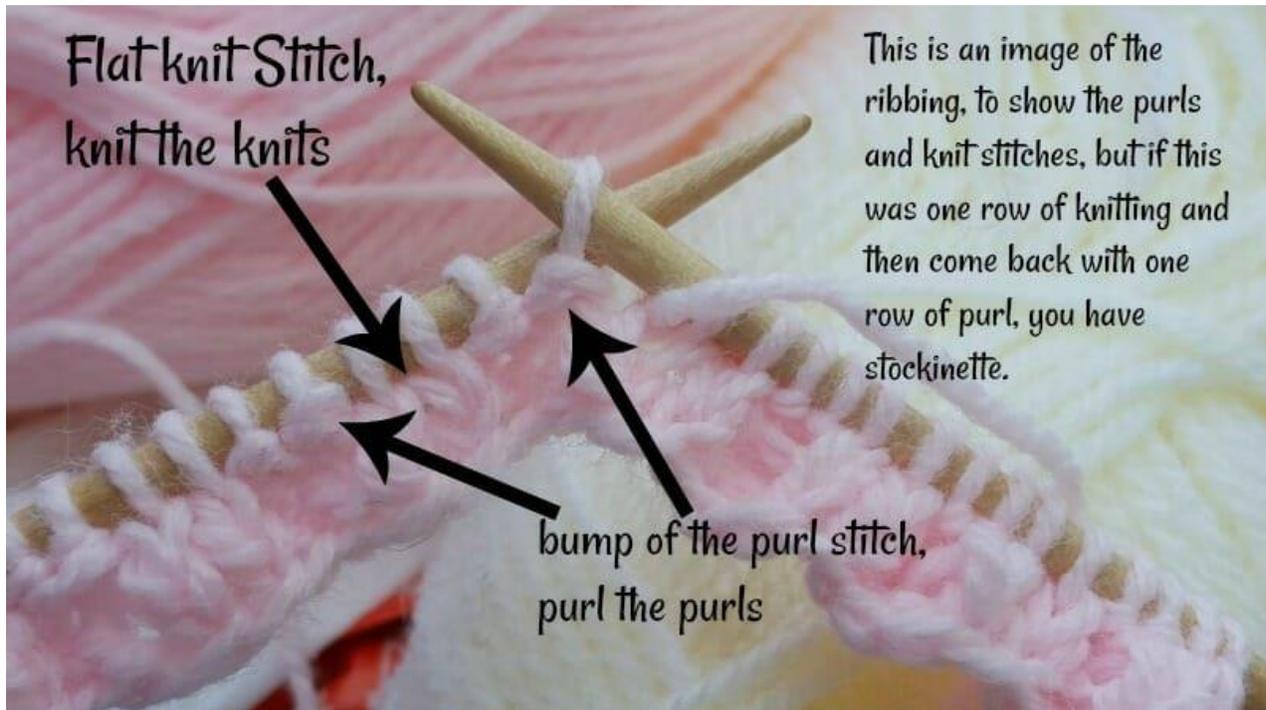


Just had to try to show you the squishy 3D effect of Fisherman Rib Knit I guess I'm harping on this because is is so beautiful but so doable even for a beginner. Ok, Nuff said.

Okay back to our baby hat knitting pattern!

Repeat row 1 six times

Next you are going to start the body of the hat (See Picture) This is knit in stockinette stitch. which is knit a row, purl a row. you always knit the purl and purl the knit. back and forth. over and over. It makes a flat beautiful, the right side, and a bumpy side, wrong side.



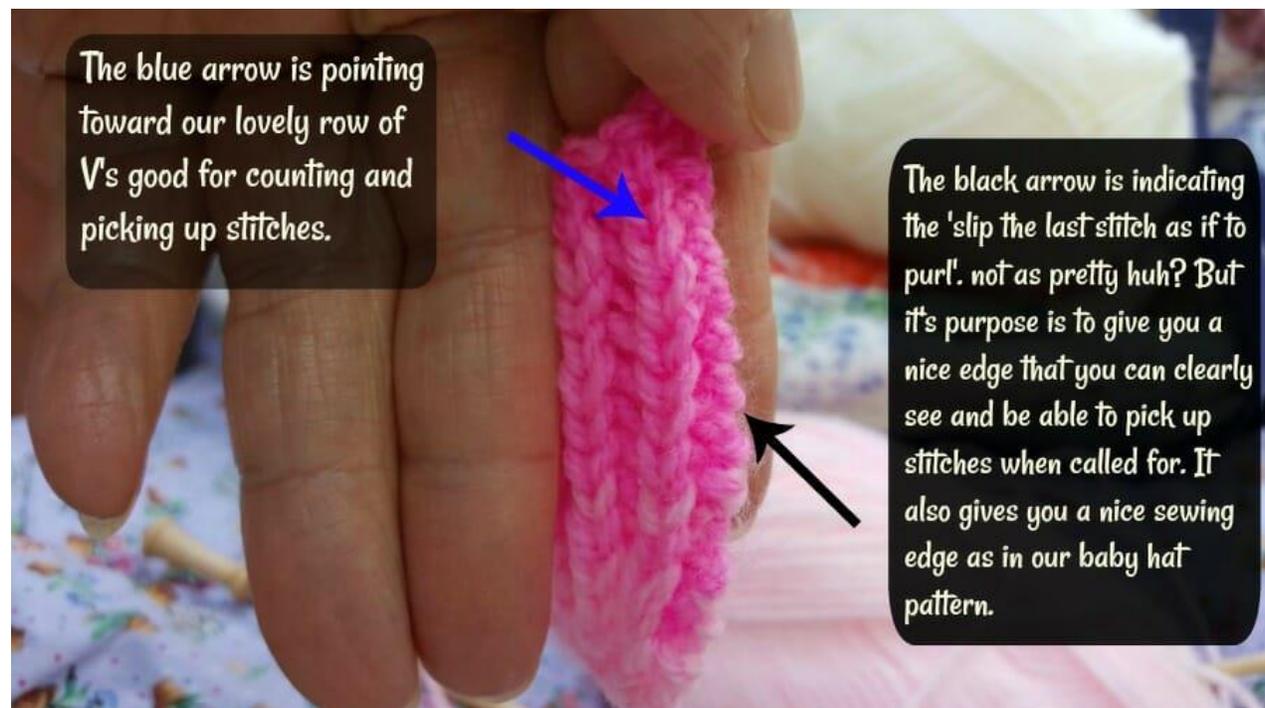
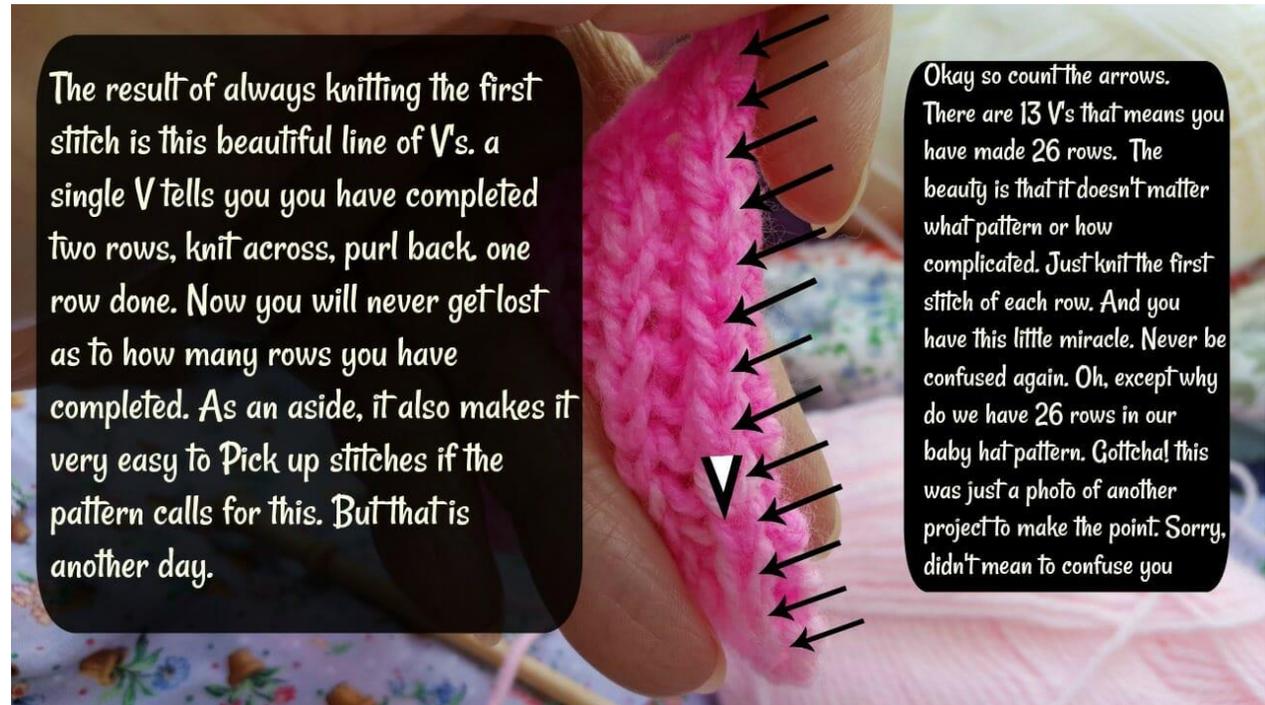
So now:

Row 7: knit across to last stitch, slip stitch as if to purl

Row 8: knit one, purl across to last stitch, slip 1 as if to purl.

Continue repeating Row 7 and Row 8 until you have 22 rows.

A word as to why you knit the first stitch and slip as if to purl the last stitch.



Now you are ready to start decreasing to form the crown, (See Picture)

Row 23: knit 1, Knit 2 to together until last 3 stitches, then k2tog and slip 1 as if to purl. (You have just decreased by one stitch all the way across, now you have 21 st) See Video for knit 2 together.

Row 24: knit one, purl across to last stitch, slip 1 as if to purl.

Row 25: knit 1, Knit 2 tog 5 times, knit 1, knit 2 tog 4 times, slip last stitch as if to purl. (now you are left with 12 st on your needles)

Row 26: knit one, purl across to last stitch, slip 1 as if to purl.

Row 27: knit 1, Knit 2 together across, slip last stitch as if to purl (7 st)

Row 28: knit one, purl across to last stitch, slip 1 as if to purl.

Row 29: knit 1, k2tog, knit 1, k2tog, slip 1 as if to purl (5 st)

Bind off, (See Video) leaving a long tail to sew the sides together.

I have also included a video to show you how to sew the sides together, you can do it one of many ways, choose the one that makes the most sense to you.





Success! You have knitted a baby hat, you are amazing!

And just to make you a little bit more challenged and possibly a little bit crazy, [this whole project could be magic looped](#), no sewing, no seams. Just a gorgeous little hat. But that may be for another day too.

Here is a list of the Videos to help you with the pattern:

Knit two together. (K2tog)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ptZsAT770i8>

Long Tail Cast On

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXA3gBNiSiM>

Bind Off

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D4V4DSJ9hUE>

Seam Sewing: This video gives you a few choices. All work fine.

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