



Cocoon Babies Version 2.0

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NOTE: This pattern uses the kitchener stitch to seam the hooded portion of this cocoon. Follow this link to see how this is done: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KhQYq-6UCKI>

Skills Needed:

Knit

Knit 2 together

Slip, slip, knit

Knit 1 front and back

Kitchener stitch (see link above)

Supplies Needed:

Set of US 4 double pointed needles

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Poly-fil

Embroidery floss (optional: if you wish to put a face on the baby).

1 skein of worsted weight wool (pattern used Lion Brand Fisherman's Wool). One skein will yield MANY of these babies.

Abbreviations

K = knit

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

K2tog = Knit 2 together

SSK = Slip, slip, knit

K1f&b = knit 1 front and back (increase made)

Sts = stitches

Gauge: not critical for this pattern. Smaller needles will yield a smaller cocoon and larger needles will yield a bigger cocoon. It will all depend on how big or small you wish the final product to be. If you wish to felt the cocoon, remember to make it about 1/3 bigger than your desired finished size as the felting will cause it to shrink.

Pattern:

Body:

CO 6 sts divided evenly among three needles. Join into the round being careful not to twist. K one round.

Round 1: *k1, k1f&b (inc)* - repeat between ** to end of round. You should have 3 sts on each needle after this round. From this point on, k1f&b will be referred to as inc. Place a marker on the first stitch during this round to denote the beginning of the round.

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit

Round 3: *k2, inc* (4 sts on each needle)

Round 5: *k3, inc* (5 sts on each needle)

Round 7: *k4, inc* (6 sts on each needle)

Round 9: *k5, inc* (7 sts on each needle)

Round 11: *k6, inc* (8 sts on each needle)

Rounds 12-18: Knit

Begin hood shaping:

Round 19: k7, k2tog on needle 1, ssk, k7 on needle 2, k7, k2tog on needle 3.

Round 20: knit

Round 21: k6, k2tog on needle 1, ssk, k6 on needle 2, k2tog, k3, ssk on needle 3

Round 22: knit the stitches on the first 2 needles and bind off all the stitches on needle 3 (12 stitches remain).

Hood:

You will now be working in stocking stitch back and forth on these 12 stitches for the next 5 rows beginning AND ending with a purl row.

Next row: The right side of the work should be facing you and you should be ready to start a knit row. K6 stitches. Making sure the working yarn is on the back needle when the wrong sides are next to each other, cut the yarn about 10-12" long so that you can begin the kitchener stitch to seam the top of the hood.

Weave in all ends, stuff, and embroider a face if you wish. Enjoy!

You will now be working back and forth in stocking stitch with these last 14 sts for 7 rows beginning and ending with a purl row. (I kept these on the 2 needles for convenience, as I did the 3-needle bind off at the end)

Next Row: The right side of the work should be facing you (start with a knit row). K1, k2tog, k to the last 3, ssk, k1. You should have 6 on each needle at this point.

Do one final purl row.