

## **Do It Yourself Loom Knit Baby Hat**

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This cute baby's cap is a great beginner's project and a wonderful item to donate to your local children's hospital or domestic abuse shelter. Devote just eight minutes a day and you could knit one in under two weeks! But be warned, knitting is addictive. You won't be able to stop with just one hat! Create a charity club at your store. Display your customers' donations to spur on more customer donations.

### **Step 1: Gather Your Supplies**

1 ball of Tweed Stripes by Lion Brand® Yarn  
1 Martha Stewart Crafts™ Knit and Weave Loom Kit  
1 Clover Large Pom-Pom maker  
scissors  
tape measure

### **Step 2: Assemble the Loom**

Snap together the 2 semi-circular pieces. Place a small blue peg in 55 of the holes and 1 small grey peg in the final hole. The grey peg is your start and stop point for each round. (Note: You may also use an infant-sized knitting loom with pegs set for worsted weight yarn. If you have a bulky loom, carry two strands of Tweed Stripes rather than just one.)

### **Step 3: Cast On**

Create a slip knot with a 6-8" tail. Place the slip knot over the grey peg and tighten it. Wrap the yarn in a counter-clockwise direction around each blue peg starting to the left (clockwise) of the grey one. Continue in this fashion until you are back to the grey peg. Continue wrapping around each peg until you have two wraps per peg. Use the knitting tool to lift the bottom wrap up and over the top wrap and off the peg. Do this until just one wrap / stitch remains per peg.

### **Step 4: Knit 9 rounds**

To knit, you will wrap another round just like you did for the cast on. Once you have two wraps on each peg, proceed to lift the bottom one up

and over the top one. This makes one round of knitting. Continue until you have completed 9 rounds.

### **Step 5: Work a Garter Ridge**

To create a garter ridge, you will work one round of purling, a second round of knitting and the final round with purling. To create a purl stitch, bring your yarn to the front of the peg and below the stitch on it. Bring your knitting tool through the stitch on the peg to catch the working yarn. Pull the yarn through the stitch and then lift the stitch off of the peg. Place the loop on your knitting tool onto the peg. This makes one purl stitch. Continue with this process for each peg until you have completed a round.

### **Step 6: Repeat Knit and Garter Ridge Rounds**

Work 6 rounds of knitting followed by one Garter Ridge twice. After the final garter ridge (You should have a total of three ridges.), work 10 rounds of knitting. The hat should measure 7.5" from the cast on edge. Don't worry about the bottom curling, it will make an attractive and comfortable hat brim.

### **Step 7: Cast Off**

After the final round of knitting, cut the yarn leaving a 16" tail. Thread the tail through the tapestry needle included in the kit. Slide the needle through stitch from the top of the peg, working in the same direction you knitted (clockwise). Pull the tail through the stitch. Lift the stitch off of the peg. Continue with this procedure until all the stitches are off of the loop and safely on the tail of the yarn. Pull the tail until the top closes up. Weave the tail through several stitches and to the interior of the hat. Weave the tail through a few more stitches and cut away the remainder of the tail. Weave in the tail from the beginning.

### **Step 8: Make Pompom and Attach to Hat**

Make a pompom using the pompom maker. Use the pompom tails to sew the pompom to the hat.