**Bonnet for Premature Babies**

4-ply wool: no. 3-25mm (no. 10) needles

**Cast on:** 53 (61, 69) sts and work in moss st. for 6 rows.

Row 7: *k 3, yfwd, k2 tog.* Repeat * to * until last 3 (6, 4) sts. K 3 (6, 4) sts.

[Row 7 forms a row of eyelet holes, in case tubes need threading through in hospital.]

**Main Part of Bonnet**

Continue in moss st. for 25 [29, 33] more rows

End of Main Part of Bonnet

**Shape Crown**

1st crown row : k7 (7, 8) sts. *k2 tog, k5* repeat *to* to last 4 (5, 5) sts, k2 tog k2 (3, 3) [46 (53, 60) sts.]

2nd and every alternate row : Purl

3rd crown row : k6 (6, 7) sts. *k2 tog, K4* repeat *to* to last 4 (5, 5) sts., k2 tog. K2 (3, 3) sts. [39 (45, 51)]

5th crown row : k5 (5, 6) sts. *k2 tog, k3* repeat *to* to last 4 (5, 5) sts. K2 tog. K2 (3, 3) sts [32 (37, 42) sts.]

7th crown row : k4 (4, 5) sts. *k2 tog., k2* repeat *to* to last 4 (5, 5) sts. K2 tog. k2 (3, 3) sts. [25 (29, 33) sts]

9th crown row : k3 (3, 4) sts. *k2 tog k1* repeat from * to * to last 4 (5, 5) sts. K2 tog, k2 (3, 3) sts [18 (21, 24) sts]

11th crown row : *k2 tog, k1* repeat *to* to end. [12 (14, 16) sts.]

Break off yarn, run yarn through remaining stitches, draw up and then fasten off.

**To make up**

Join back seam to just past start of crown shaping, using a flat seam. Leave rest open. Add ribbons on outside front corners, but do not thread through eyelet holes.

**Variations**

1. Use two coordinating colors, or a color and white, joining at the beginning of any row.

2. Use stocking stitch (modified) for main part of bonnet, working 19 (23, 23) rows. Modified stocking stitch First stitch of knit row is p.1, first stitch of purl row is k.1. This gives a neat edge.

3. Use 3ply yarn with 2.75mm (no12) needles, or D.K. yarn with 4mm (no 8) needles.