

# Debbie Bliss



The Chickster Hat  
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### SIZE

To fit a small child.

### MATERIALS

Two 50g balls of Debbie Bliss cashmerino aran in Gold 77 (M) and a small amount of Debbie Bliss baby cashmerino in Orange 92 (C).  
Pair each of 3.25mm (US 3), 4.5mm (US 7) and 5mm (US 8) needles.

### TENSION

22 sts and 26 rows to 10cm/4in square over rib using 5mm (US 8) needles and cashmerino aran.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**cm** = centimetres; **cont** = continue; **dec** = decrease;  
**k** = knit; **p** = purl; **pssو** = pass slipped st over; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **sl** = slip; **tog** = together; **yf** = yarn forward.

### HAT

With 4.5mm (US 7) needles and M, cast on 86 sts.

**1st rib row** K4, [p2, k2] to last 6 sts, p2, k4.

**2nd rib row** K2, [p2, k2] to end.

These 2 rows **set** the rib.

**3rd (eyelet) rib row** K2, yf, k2tog, rib to last 4 sts, k2tog, yf, k2.

**4th rib row** K2, [p2, k2] to end.

Rep the 1st and 2nd rows once more.

Change to 5mm (US 8) needles.

Cont in rib until hat measures 16cm/6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>in, ending with a 2nd rib row.

Place a marker at each end of last row.

### Shape crown

**1st (dec) row** (right side) P2, [k2, p2tog, k2, p2] 10 times, k2 p2. 76 sts.

Work 3 rows in rib as now set.

**5th (dec) row** P2, [k2, p1, k2, p2tog] 10 times, k2, p2tog. 65 sts.

Work 1 row in rib as now set.

**7th (dec) row** P2, [k2tog, p1, k2, p1] 10 times, k2tog, p1. 54 sts.

Work 1 row in rib as now set.

**9th (dec) row** P1, [k2tog, p1, k2] 10 times, k2tog, p1. 43 sts.

Work 1 row in rib as now set.



**11th (dec) row** K2, [k2tog, k2] 10 times, k1. 33 sts.

P 1 row.

**13th (dec) row** K1, [k2tog, k1] 10 times, k2tog. 22 sts.

P 1 row.

**15th (dec) row** [K2tog] 11 times. 11 sts.

**16th (dec) row** P1, [p2tog] 5 times. 6 sts.

Leaving a long end, cut off yarn and thread through rem sts and join the seam to the markers.

Make two twisted cords 30cm/12in long and knot them through the eyelets.

### BEAK (make 2 pieces)

With 3.25mm (US 3) needles and C, cast on 17 sts.

**1st row** K to end.

**2nd row** K1, skpo, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Rep these 2 rows 5 times more. 5 sts.

**13th row** K1, sl 1, k2tog, pssو, k1. 3 sts.

**14th row** K3.

**15th row** Sl 1, k2tog, pssو.

Break off yarn and fasten off rem st.

Join cast on edges together and sew to front of hat.