Starboard Baby Hat

Construction: The Starboard baby hat is a striped, lightweight hat available in four sizes to fit preemies, newborns, 6-month olds, and 12-month olds. This hat uses a plant-based fiber (lyocell) and is perfect for warm weather. Using the recommended yarn, you have enough to make two hats with either matching or opposite stripe patterns in any of the sizes.

Skill level: Intermediate
Skills needed: Knitting and purling in the round, decreasing by knitting two together (k2tog) and knitting three together (k3tog), and knitting an i-cord.

Size: Preemie (Newborn, 6-months, 12-months)
Circumference: stretches to fit 13" (14 ½", 16", 18") head circumference.
Height: 4 ¾", (5", 5 ¾", 6 ½")
Gauge: 22sts and 28 rows per 4" in stockinette stitch knit in the round.

Materials:
- 45, (55, 65, 75) yards of main color and 25, (35, 45, 55) yards in contrasting color. *Shown in Lion Brand Nuboo, (100% Lyocell, 157 yards, 85 g.), Denim and Frost (1 skein each).*
- US 4 (3.5 mm) double pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- US 6 (4.0 mm) double pointed needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Stitch Marker
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations:
CC: contrasting color
CO: Cast on
dpn: double pointed needle
k: knit
k2tog: knit two together: knit next two stitches together, decreasing by one stitch
k3tog: knit three together: knit next three stitches together, decreasing by two stitches
MC: main color
p: purl

Notes:
This pattern uses a four round striping pattern, meaning you knit two rounds with the main color followed by two rounds of the contrasting color. A photo tutorial of the i-cord is available on https://theknitmckinley.com/2021/03/22/knitting-an-i-cord-on-a-hat.

Instructions:

<u>Brim</u>:

Using MC, CO 70, (80, 90, 100) sts on US 4 needles. Join work to knit in the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Rnd 1: *k1, p1; repeat from * to end of rnd. Repeat rnd 1 until hat measures ¾" from cast-on edge.

<u>Body</u>:

Switch to US 6 needles and begin stripe pattern:

Rnd 2: With MC, knit all sts.
Rnd 3: With MC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 4: With CC, knit all stitches
Rnd 5: With CC, knit all stitches.
Repeat rounds 2-5 until hat measures 3 ½" (4", 4 ¾", 5 ½") from cast-on edge.

<u>Decrease Rounds</u> (continue striping):

Rnd 6: With MC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 7: With MC, *k8, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 8: With CC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 9: With CC, *k7, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 10: With MC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 11: With MC, *k6, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 12: With CC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 13: With CC, *k5, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 14: With MC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 15: With MC, *k4, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 16: With CC, knit all stitches.
Rnd 17: With CC, *k3, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.Cut CC, leaving a 6" tail
Rnd 18: Continuing with MC *k2, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.

Rnd 19: *k1, k2tog; repeat from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 20: k2tog around. 7, (8, 9, 10) stitches remain.

<u>Finishing without an I-cord knot</u>:

Cut MC yarn and weave tail through remaining stitches. Weave in remaining ends. Lightly wet block.

<u>I-Cord knot</u>:

Knit a set-up round as follows.

- Preemie: (k2tog) three times, k1, placing four remaining stitches on one needle.
- Newborn: k2tog around, placing four remaining stitches on one needle.
- 6-month size: (k2tog) three times, k3tog, placing four remaining stitches on one needle.
- 12-month size: (k2tog, k3tog) twice, placing four remaining stitches on one needle.

To knit the i-cord: knit all stitches from one dpn to a second dpn. Do not turn work. Slide all four stitches to the right end of the dpn and knit the four stitches again. Repeat by sliding the sts along the dpn to knit again and knit the i-cord until it measures 2" from crown of hat.

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail and weave tail through the stitches, removing them from the needle. Pull the yarn taut to close the i-cord and hide the tail inside the i-cord so it is hanging inside the crown of the hat. Tie a knot in the i-cord and then weave in all loose ends. Lightly wet block.