



## MATERIALS

**Caron® Simply Soft®** (6 oz/170 g; 315 yds/288 m) **Caron® Simply Soft® Brites™** (6 oz/170 g; 315 yds/288 m)

Sizes	6/12 mos	18/24 mos	4 yrs	
<b>Contrast A</b> Watermelon (B9604)	1	1	1	ball
<b>Contrast B</b> Dark Country Blue (39711)	1	1	1	ball

Sizes U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) and U.S. 8 (5 mm) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge**. 1 stitch holder.

## ABBREVIATIONS:

**Alt** = Alternate(ing)  
**Beg** = Beginning  
**K** = Knit  
**K2tog** = Knit next 2 stitches together  
**Kfb** = Increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of next stitch

**Pat** = Pattern  
**P** = Purl  
**P2tog** = Purl next 2 stitches together  
**RS** = Right side  
**Rem** = Remain(ing)  
**Rep** = Repeat

**Ssk** = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time.  
 Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together  
**St(s)** = Stitch(es)  
**WS** = Wrong side

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## SIZES

**To fit head circumference**

<b>6/12 mos</b>	17" [43 cm]
<b>18/24 mos</b>	18" [45.5 cm]
<b>4 yrs</b>	19" [48 cm]

## GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] with larger needles in stocking st.

## INSTRUCTIONS

*The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (.). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.*

**First Earflap:** \*\*With smaller needles and A, cast on 6 (6-8) sts.

**1st and alt rows:** (WS). Knit.

**2nd and 3rd rows:** Cast on 2 sts. Knit to end of row. 10 (10-12) sts at end of 3rd row.

**4th row:** K1. Kfb. Knit to last 2 sts. Kfb. K1. 12 (12-14) sts.

**5th to 7th rows:** Knit.

**8th row:** K1. Kfb. Knit to last 2 sts. Kfb. K1. Rep 5th to 8th rows twice more.

18 (18-20) sts.

Cont even in garter st until work from beg measures 2¼ (2½-2¾)" [5.5 (6-7) cm], ending on a WS row.\*\*

Break yarn. Leave sts on a st holder.

**Second Earflap:** Work from \*\* to \*\* as given for First Earflap. Leave sts on needle; **do not** break yarn.

**Join Earflaps: 1st row:** (RS). With smaller needles and RS of Second Earflap facing, cast on 3 (4-4) sts. K18 (18-20) from Second Earflap. Cast on 24 (26-26) sts. K18 (18-20) from First Earflap. Cast on 3 (4-4) sts. 66 (70-74) sts.

Knit even in garter st until work from joining Earflaps measures 2" [5 cm], ending on a WS row. Break A.

Change to larger needles and B.

Beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from joining Earflaps measures 3¾ (4¼-4¾)" [9 (11-12) cm], ending on a WS (RS-WS) row.

**Size 18/24 mos only: Next row:** (WS). P1. \*P2tog. P15. Rep from \* to last st. P1. 66 sts.

**All sizes: Shape top: 1st row:** (RS). K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K12 (12-14). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 58 (58-66) sts.

**2nd and alt rows:** Purl.

**3rd row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K10 (10-12). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 50 (50-58) sts.

**5th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K8 (8-10). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 42 (42-50) sts.

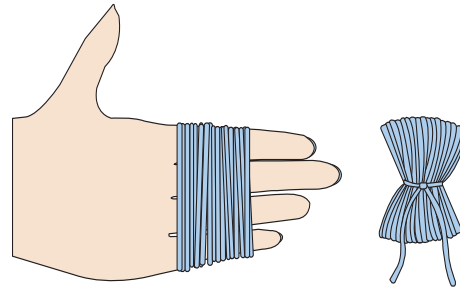
**7th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K6 (6-8). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 34 (34-42) sts.

**9th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K4 (4-6). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 26 (26-34) sts.

**11th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K2 (2-4). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 18 (18-26) sts.

**13th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. K0 (0-2). Rep from \* to last st. K1. 10 (10-18) sts.

### Pompom Diagram



**Size 4 yrs only: 14th row:** Purl.

**15th row:** K1. \*ssk. K2tog. Rep from \* to last st. K1. 10 sts.

**All sizes:** Break yarn, leaving a long end. Draw end tightly through rem sts. Sew center back seam.

### Pompoms (make 2)

Wind A around 4 fingers approx 150 times. Remove from fingers and tie tightly in center. Cut through each side of loops. Trim to a smooth round shape. Sew Pompom to each Earflap as seen in picture.