Nidus - Handknitting
Simple and seamless baby beanie

You'll need:

50 g of Rowan Fine Milk Cotton or an equivalent yarn (Ligth or DK).

1 pair of 2,5 mm circular needles.

1 double pointed 2,5 mm 5 needle set.

Sizes 0-3 months (3-6 months)

Gauge: 2,5 cm = 6 stitches

How to do it:

With the 2,5 mm circular needles, cast on 86 (98) stitches and work in garter stitch up to 11 (14) cm in height (since you're working in the round don't forget that to obtain garter stitch you have to alternate 1 row knit with 1 row purl).

Since this is a small diameter piece of knitting you might prefer to start working on the 5 set of needles from the start, dividing the total number of stitches equally between the 4 needles.

In case you take the circular needles, please have a look at some videos or tutorials on the web that can help you with the "magic loop" technique, like these:

http://vimeo.com/7236581;

http://www.knittingdaily.com/blogs/daily/archive/2009/09/16/the-magical-magic-loop.aspx).

Decreases for the crown of the beanie:

To form the crown for the beanie, you should start introducing decreases as follows:

1st row: K1, * k2tog, k10 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

2nd row and every other even row: purl.

3rd row: K1, * k2tog, k9 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

5th row: K1, * k2tog, k8 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

7th row: K1, * k2tog, k7 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

9th row: K1, * k2tog, k6 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

11th row: K1, * k2tog, k5 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

13th row: K1, * k2tog, k4 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

15th row: K1, * k2tog, k3 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

17th row: K1, * k2tog, k2 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

19th row: K1, * k2tog, k1 *; rep from * to * until the last stitch: k1.

21th row: K1, k2tog all around until the last stitch: k1.

Cast off all by pulling the loose end of the yarn through all the remaining stitches with a sewing needle and pulling tight to close the crown of the beanie.