**Materials:**
Needles: Size US 8 16” circular needles
        Size US 8 double-point needles (DPNs)
Yarn: 200-225 yards of any yarn from the Knots of Love’s approved list of yarns.

**Stitch Marker**

**Abbreviation:**
DS = drop stitch. See directions below.

**Instructions:**
Cast on 84 stitches. Place stitch marker and join in the round being careful not to twist cast-on stitches at the join.

**Ribbing:**
K1, P1 for 7 rounds.
Rnd 7 of ribbing: Increase 4 stitches evenly around for a total of 88 stitches.
Watch how to increase VIDEO HERE.

**Pattern:** (Over 88 stitches)
Rnd 1-5: Knit around.
Rnd 6: *(K3, DS), repeat from * around.
Rnds 7-11: Knit around.
Rnd 12: (K1, DS, K3), *(DS, K3), repeat from * around, ending with K2.
Repeat pattern rounds 1-12 until measures approximately 7 inches.

**Crown Shaping:** Change to dpn when necessary:
Note: There are no knit rounds in between decrease rounds.
Rnd 1: *(Knit 9, K2tog), repeat from * around.
Rnd 2: *(Knit 8, K2tog), repeat from * around.
Continue decrease rounds until 8 stitches remain.

**Finishing:**
Finishing: Break yarn, leaving 12”. Thread onto a tapestry needle and loosely thread through the remaining stitches. Thread through a 2nd time and pull tightly to close the remaining hole. Thread to inside and stitch in place to secure. Weave in and out of a few stitches, and clip the remaining yarn.

**DS (drop stitch) Directions:** Watch how to VIDEO HERE. Slip the next stitch off needle and carefully let the stitch drop 4 rounds down. Insert the right needle (from front to back) into the stitch 5 rounds below. Put the right needle under the 4 dropped strands.

Knit this stitch catching the strands from the rounds above.

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