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Cherub Aran
Mock Eyelet Baby Hat and Blanket

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Hat

Final Measurements:
13-14" head circumference (15-16" head circumference)

Materials:
1 skein Cascade Cherub Aran yarn (100 grams/240 yards, 55% nylon, 45% acrylic), color #28
Size 6 magic loop circular needle, 40" long, or other size 6 needles for knitting in the round
Size 5 magic loop circular needle, 40" long, or other size 5 needles for knitting in the round
Stitch marker
Gadget for knitting I-cord (optional)

Gauge: 27 stitches=4 inches with size 5 needle in 1 x 1 rib pattern

With size 5 needle, cast on 80 (90) stitches. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist stitches. Work in 1 x 1 rib pattern, repeating round 1 until brim measures about 2 ¾", ending at marker.

1 x 1 Rib Pattern (for knitting in the round)
Round 1: *K1, P1, repeat from *

Before beginning the mock eyelet cable pattern for the hat, determine which side of the cast on edge you want to be showing after the brim is folded up. You will want the cable pattern to begin on the opposite side of the brim side that you want to show. If you need to work in the opposite direction to accomplish this, transfer the last stitch with the working yarn to the opposite needle and continue work in the opposite direction.

Switch to size 6 needle, and work 20 rounds of mock eyelet cable pattern (repeating rounds 1 through 4 five times).

Mock Eyelet Cable Pattern (for knitting in the round)
Round 1: *p2, sl 1, k2, psso over the 2 knit stitches, repeat from *
Round 2: *p2, k1, yo, k1, repeat from *
Rounds 3 & 4: *p2, k3, repeat from *

Round 21: Repeat round 1 (Note: this is 21st round after starting mock eyelet cable pattern)
Round 22: Repeat round 2
Round 23: *p2tog, k3, repeat from *, 64 (72) stitches remain
Round 24: *p1, k3, repeat from *
Round 25: *p1, sl 1, k2, psso over the 2 knit stitches, repeat from *, 48 (54) stitches remain
Round 26: *p1, k2tog, repeat from *, 32 (36) stitches remain
Rounds 27 & 28: *p1, k1, repeat from *
Round 29: Repeat round 26, 16 (18) stitches remain

Round 30: Repeat round 26, 8 (9) stitches remain.

Remove marker. Cut yarn, leaving about a 6" tail. Weave the tail through the live stitches several times, tightening as you go. Weave in the tail.

With size 6 needle or other device, knit a 4-stitch i-cord with the final length of about 27 (29)". Don't finish the ends yet. (Instructions for knitting i-cord can be found online and in many knitting books.) If you use the gadget for knitting i-cord, the cord needs to be about 40 (42)" long when the weight is attached, because it shrinks a lot after the weight is released.

Weave the i-cord through the eyelet holes in the first mock eyelet cable pattern next to the brim, with the i-cord tails coming from the inside of the hat to the outside at adjacent eyelet holes. Tie the tails in a bow. Unravel one end as needed to get the length you want. Finish i-cord ends by weaving tail through live stitches and weaving in ends. Tack the cord down at several places inside the hat so it can't accidentally come out and get wrapped around something.

Blanket
Final Measurements: 32" wide by 36" long (blocked)
Materials:
5 skeins Cascade Cherub Aran yarn (100 grams/240 yards each, 55% nylon, 45% acrylic), color #28
32" long or longer Size 6 circular needle
Gadget for knitting I-cord (optional)

Gauge: 20 stitches = 4" and 28 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch
To Make Blanket:
With size 6 needle, cast on 197 stitches. Do not join. Work rows back and forth.
Work 1 x 1 Rib Pattern, repeating rows 1 and 2, for about 2 ½ inches, ending with the side that you want to be the wrong side.
1 x 1 Rib Pattern
Row 1: *p1, k1, repeat from * across, p1
Row 2: *k1, p1, repeat from * across, k1

Work Mock Eyelet Cable Pattern with Ribbed Border on the Sides, repeating rows 1 through 4, for about 31 inches, ending with the second row of the pattern, a wrong side row.

Mock Eyelet Cable Pattern with Ribbed Border on the Sides
Row 1 (RS): *p1, k1, repeat from * 9 more times, *p2, sl 1, k2, psso the 2 knit stitches, repeat from * 30 more times, p2, *k1, p1, repeat from * 9 more times
Row 2: *k1, p1, repeat from * 9 more times, *k2, p1, yo, p1, repeat from * 30 more times, k2,*p1, k1, repeat from * 9 more times

Row 3: *p1, k1, repeat from * 9 more times,* p2, k3, repeat from * 30 more times, p2,*k1, p1, repeat from * 9 more times
Row 4: *k1, p1, repeat from * 9 more times,*k2, p3, repeat from * 30 more times, k2,*p1, k1, repeat from * 9 more times

Work 1 x 1 Rib Pattern, repeating rows 1 and 2, for about 2 ½ inches, ending with a wrong side row.
Bind off loosely, working in pattern.

Knit a 4-stitch i-cord with the final length of about 12 feet. Don't finish the ends yet. (Instructions for knitting i-cord can be found online and in many knitting books.) You can use the gadget available at craft stores for knitting the i-cord, as the result is similar to one made with a size 6 needle. Twelve feet might be a little too much, but you want to make sure you have enough, and you can shorten it after weaving it through the eyelets.

In Figure 1, the small white circles represent the open eyelet holes in the mock cable pattern that are next to the ribbed border. The orange dashes represent the i-cord after it is woven into the eyelets. Weave the i-cord in and out of these eyelet holes, as shown by the orange dashes in Figure 1. Do not weave too tightly, because you want the cord to be relaxed and stretch a little with the blanket when used. At one end of the blanket, end weaving so that both ends of the i-cord are coming up through an eyelet from the back, approximately in the center, with a few eyelets left open in between them, so that you have room for the bow. (Depending on the number of rows of eyelet pattern you have, your weaving pattern may look slightly different than that in the figure.) Tie ends in a bow, then unravel ends to desired length, then finish the ends of the i-cord by weaving tails through the live stitches several times and into the knitting. Cut tails. Tack cord to the blanket in several places on the back to prevent it from coming out and getting wrapped around something. Block if desired.

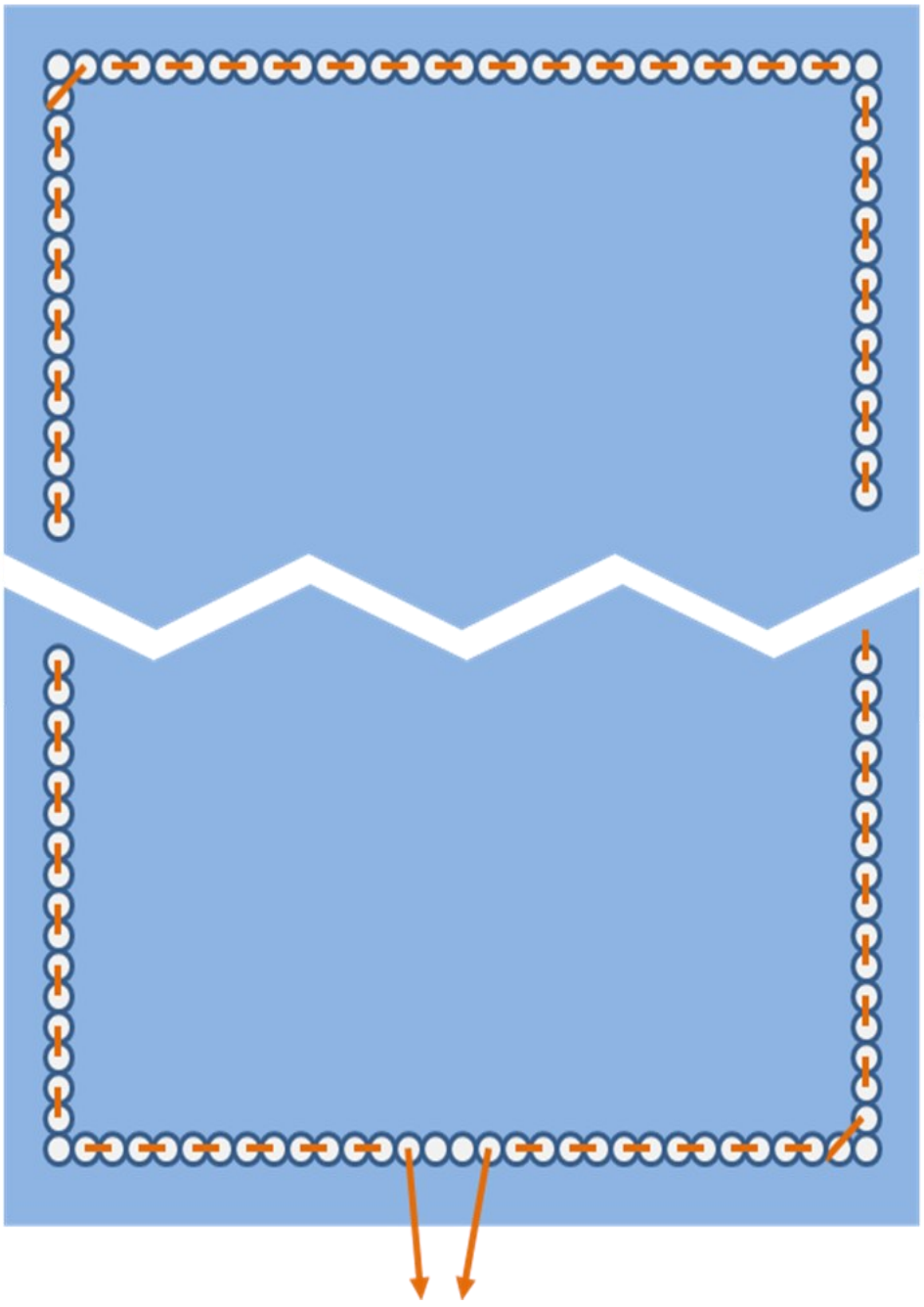

Figure 1 – I-cord (in orange) woven through the eyelet holes next to the ribbed border (white circles). Orange lines with arrows are the tails for the bow.