**Matching premature baby hat and blanket for charity**

**Premature baby blankets**

**Style –** **The blankets should not contain holes that could trap or injure little fingers and toes**.

Example pattern

Size:
Width:             ~          18 “ or 45.5cms Length:            ~          24” or 60.9cms
Tension:
21sts = 4” (10cm)

Requirements:
Around 95g of DK yarn

Size 8 or 4mm needles

Pattern:

Cast on 93sts

1st Row:          S1, knit to end

Repeat the 1st Row 7 times more

9th Row:           S1, knit to end

10th Row:         S1, k4, purl to last 5sts, k5

11th Row:         S1, k4, \*yon, s1, k2tog, psso, yon, k1, rep from \* to last 4sts, k4

12th Row:         S1, k4, purl to last 5sts, k5

Repeat the last 4 rows until the blanket is the length required (around 18”), ending after completing a 12th row

Next Row:       S1, knit to end

Repeat the last row 8 times more

Cast off

Blankets can be any pattern but please keep to the size. This pattern has a knitted border to keep the blanket edge from curling.

**Premature baby hats**

Example pattern

**Materials:**
Double knitting wool
Size 10 or 3¼ mm needles. Cast on 48 sts.
Knit 6 rows.
Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 2 ½ inches – 6 cms.
Knit 2 together knit 6 – repeat to end of row. Next and every alternate row purl to end
Continue decreasing i.e. knit 2 together knit 5 (4) (3) (2) (1) The number of stitches between each knit 2 together decreases with each knit row, as stated in the brackets. until 12 stitches remain.
Purl one row.
Knit 2 together 6 times
Thread wool through remaining stitches and fasten off. Sew up using a flat seam.

You can use a different pattern as there are several online on websites such as lovecrafts or allfreeknitting.com