

# Baby Bandana Bib



My little one is a champion dribbler. I wanted a more elegant solution than simply tying a muslin around her neck, but the knitted bib patterns that I found tended to be huge squares of knitting, which I didn't really need just to mop up a bit of drool. So I came up with my own answer.

The pattern is supremely simple, quick to make and is perfect for using up oddments of cotton from your stash. Make several in different colours for a stylish baby!

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### Materials:

- ❖ Approximately 20g of worsted- or aran-weight cotton. I used Garnstudio DROPS Paris (100% cotton, 75m/50g) and Rowan Handknit Cotton (100% cotton, 84m/50g) from my stash. Dishcloth cotton would be ideal.
- ❖ Pair of 4mm/US6 straight needles, or preferred type for knitting flat
- ❖ 2 x 4mm/US6 dpns for knitting i-cord
- ❖ Blunt ended needle for sewing in ends

### Tension & Finished Measurements:

Bib measures 19cm/7½" across the top and 13cm/5" from point to top. Exact tension is not vital as babies come in various sizes, but mine was 18 sts x 28 rows to 10cm/4" using 4mm needles and the Garnstudio DROPS Paris yarn.

### Abbreviations:

k	= knit
p	= purl
kfb	= knit into the front and back of the stitch to makes two stitches
ssk	= slip slip knit: slip next two stitches knitwise one after the other, then insert left needle into the front of the two slipped stitches and knit them together through the back of the loops
k3tog	= knit three stitches together
st(s)	= stitch(es)
dpn(s)	= double pointed needle(s)

### Directions:

*Bib:*

Cast 3 sts on to straight needles.

**Row 1:** kfb twice, k1

**Row 2:** purl

**Row 3:** kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, k1

**Row 4:** purl

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until there are 41 sts, ending after a row 4. Break yarn, leaving a 5cm/2" tail, and leave sts on needle.

*I-cord ties and edging:*

Using dpns, cast on 3 sts. \*k3, slide stitches to the other end of the needle without turning work\*\*, repeat from \* to \*\* until i-cord measures 19cm/ 7½" or required length. On the last row, do not slide the stitches to the other end of the needle after knitting.

With the needle containing the bib stitches in your left hand and the right side facing, slip the stitches from the dpn onto the bib needle purlwise. You will now work an applied i-cord edging across the top of the bib as follows. \*Keeping the right side of the work facing you, knit two stitches from needle (first two i-cord sts), ssk (last i-cord st and first bib st). Slip these three sts purlwise back onto bib needle.\*\* Repeat from \* to \*\* until all the sts across the top of the bib have been worked.

Change back to using two dpns and work i-cord as before until the second tie is the same length as the first. On the last row, k3tog, break yarn, thread through remaining st and fasten off. Weave in ends, block if desired and attach to baby. ☺

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