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KNIT CHICKENS KAL, Part 2

Knitting the Base and Make One

Follow the directions for knitting the base. Be sure to use a Make One increase where indicated. To do an m1, insert the left needle from back to front through the running thread. (This is the thread that connects the stitch just worked and the stitch to be worked on the left needle.) Knit into the front of the stitch.

Picking Up Stitches Around the Base

With a circular needle smaller than the one you are using to knit your chicken (I'm knitting with a 5 and using a 1 for the pick-up), pick up and knit along the sides of the base as follows:

Since stitches are wider than they are tall, row gauge and stitch gauge are different. This means that you will usually not pick up a stitch in every row. You will skip a row every so often.

With the RS of the work facing, and holding the yarn in your left hand, insert the RH needle between 2 purl bars one stitch from the edge and pull a loop of yarn through this space. If you find it too awkward to do this with a needle, you can use a crochet hook. Except for the end of the base without the live stitches, be sure to pick up your stitches in the same line of stitches so that your edge will be neat.

To make the pick-up easier, divide the base in half, place markers, then divide the halves in half and place markers.

Pick –Up for the Small Chicken: Pick up **74** stitches

Pick up 8 sts between each marker (32 sts) to the end of the base. Pick up 9 sts at the end of the base, then 8sts 3 times and 9 sts once (33 sts). You will now be at the first of the 9 live sts at the other end of the base. Remove all other markers and place a marker before this first live st for beg of round. When you knit the 9 live sts, you will have 84 sts total. Begin Stripe Pattern as indicated. Work even for one round.

For sizes medium and large, use the same process to pick up the indicated number of stitches.

