



Eutropia patternbook 1844 #106: Babycap

Head circumference 36-40 cm, size 2 - 3 months old.

Part 1 The Head will be knitted flat on 2 needles.

Part 2 The Border and part 3 The Star will be knitted in the round on 4 dpn's.

This pattern is suitable for experienced knitters.

Yarn and needles

- 1/10 th of a ball (about 50 yards) 4 ply cotton for knitting 'Durable' size 12, colour ecru.
- 1 ball size 40 Lizbeth, Art.40-602, colour neutral, 6 cord cordonette, this yarn is not very soft, but I couldn't find anything better in this size. The completed cap weighs 23 grams / 0,81 ounce.
- A few yards of smooth thin (pearl) yarn in a different colour.
- 2 sets of 5 steel needles 1.5 mm/US size 000, with quite sharp ends (Addi or Lang)

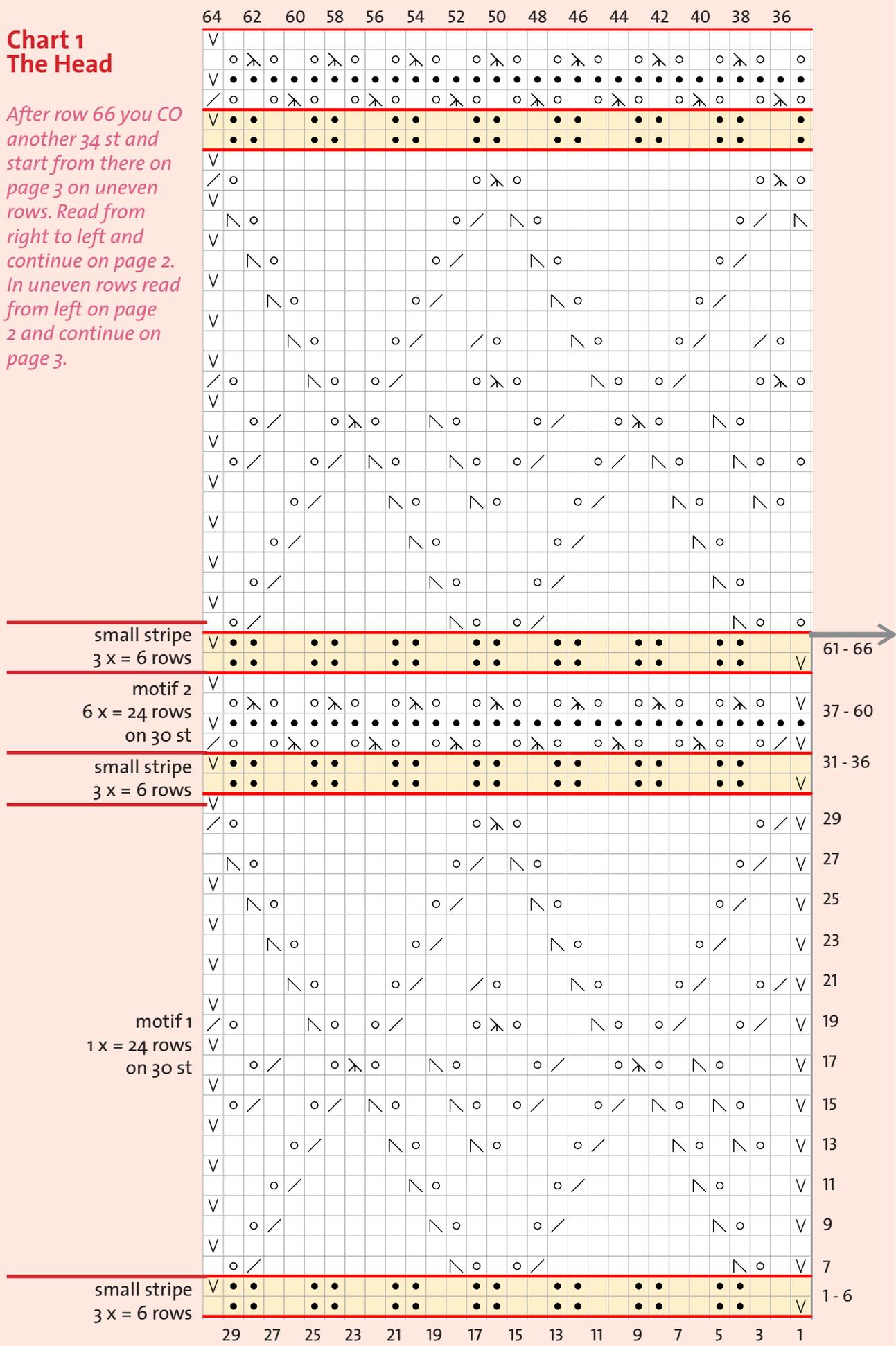
You will have to knit these 19th century patterns quite firmly. I wrap the yarn twice around my little finger, to keep the tension on the yarn even at all times. If this proves to be difficult, change to one size smaller needles, 1.25 mm.

How to use the charts

Part 1 is worked flat, in uneven rows read from right to left, in even rows from left to right. You slip the first st of every row in part 1. How to read the symbols differently for front and back see page 3. The symbols go for all charts but part 2 and 3 are worked in the round.

Chart 1 The Head

After row 66 you CO another 34 st and start from there on page 3 on uneven rows. Read from right to left and continue on page 2. In uneven rows read from left on page 2 and continue on page 3.



small stripe
3 x = 6 rows

motif 2
6 x = 24 rows
on 30 st

small stripe
3 x = 6 rows

motif 1
1 x = 24 rows
on 30 st

small stripe
3 x = 6 rows

61 - 66

37 - 60

31 - 36

29

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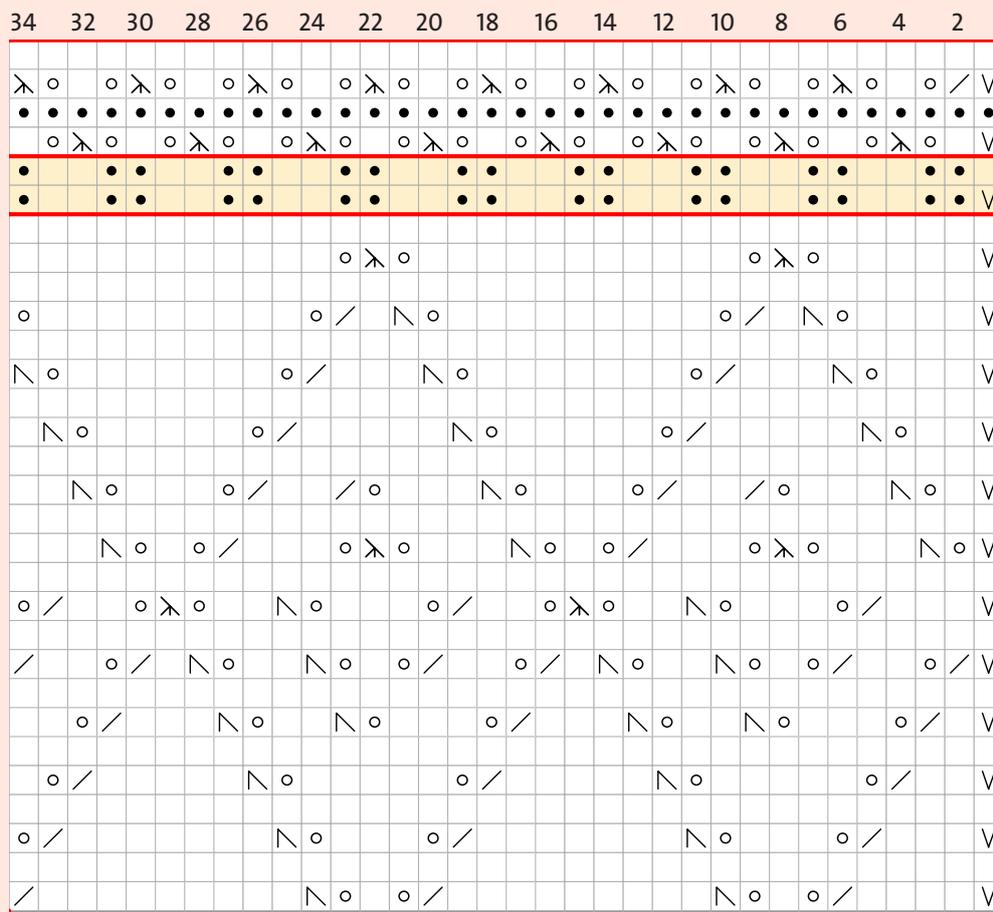
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motif 2
6x = 24 rows
on 64 st

small stripe
3 x = 6 rows

motif 1
1 x = 24 rows
on 64 st

After row 66 you cast on 34 st, keeping the coloured scrap yarn in front (long tail cast on) to end up with loops of the size 40 cotton on the needle = 64 st in total..

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| □ RS: knit / WS: purl | ⋈ RS: K3tog twisted / WS: P3tog twisted* |
| ● RS: purl / WS: knit | ⋮ RS: K2tog twisted / WS: P2tog twisted * |
| ○ yarn over | ∇ selvedge st, to be slipped at beginning of row |
| ∕ RS: K2tog / WS: P2tog | ↘ ↙ M 1 left or M 1 right (chart 2) |
| ■ no stitch | ■ yellow is the size 12 yarn. |

*Twisted means knitting through the back loops

Part 1 The Head

CO 30 st with the size 12 cotton, long tail cast on. (Keep a yarn end at the beginning of about 40 cm / 15 inch for kitchener stitching both ends of this part together).

Follow chart 1.

Work row 2-3 three times = 6 rows. Cut this yarn.

Work motif 1 in size 40 cotton = 24 rows. Do not cut this yarn, keep it every time for the next motif.

Work row 2-3 three times again = 6 rows. Cut this yarn.

Motif 2 in size 40 cotton 6 x = 24 rows. Do not cut yarn.

Work row 2-3 three times again = 6 rows. Cut this yarn.

At the end of the last row (66) cast on another 34 st and use some smooth scrap yarn (see pink remark above). You will remove this yarn later when you start on the border.

Continue with motif 1 on all 64 st.

Continue and repeat up until there are 9 wide and 9 small stripes (see photo on next page).



Here I did a CO of the 34 st to shape the 'ear flap' with the size 12 cotton together with the size 40 but it's better to use a smooth scrap yarn, that's easier to take out later for knitting the border.

You could also use a provisional crochet cast on if you prefer, as long as the stitches on the needle are the white size 40 yarn.

At the other 'ear flap', you put these 34 st on a piece of scrap yarn and continue on 30 st again.

The left side on this photo will be kitchener stitched to the 'star' top of the head later.

Along the right side you will pick up stitches and put those on scrap yarn back on your needles to knit the border in the round.

After the last motif 1 stripe, put the 34 st for ear flap 2 on a piece of scrap yarn (see top of photo). Knit another small stripe on the remaining 30 st and another wide stripe of 24 rows of motif 2. You now have 10 wide and 10 small stripes. Do not cut your size 12 ball this time.

Next kitchener stitch these 30 st to those of the cast on row with the yarn end left at the beginning.

First weave in all yarn ends starting 1 st away from the selvedge st because you need those to pick up sts for the border.

Part 2 The Border

Pick up the sts along the selvedge edge for the border. Start at the 'seam' where your size 12 ball still is and pick up sts knitwise. To do so insert your ndl just behind every selvedge st, which means you pick up 1 st for every 2 rows and pull the loop through. It could help if you use a crochet hook.

This requires some patience, so take your time.

Ndl 1

Up until the cast on edge of the ear flap you pick up 31 st.

Now pull out the scrap yarn from the cast on sts one by one and put those on a separate ndl. Knit those 34 st with your first needle up until the corner of the ear flap.

Note: some st have previously been knitted together, these appear to be on top of each other a little and there's also some yarn overs. The YO's should be knit and the st previously knit together should be K2tog again.

The result must be exactly 34 st and together with the 31 previously picked up you now have 65 on your 1st ndl.

Ndl 2

Continue with the second ndl on the other side of the corner. Pick up 52 st along the selvedge edge up until almost halfway the front.

Ndl 3

Continue on ndl 3 and pick up another 54 st along the edge up until the next corner.

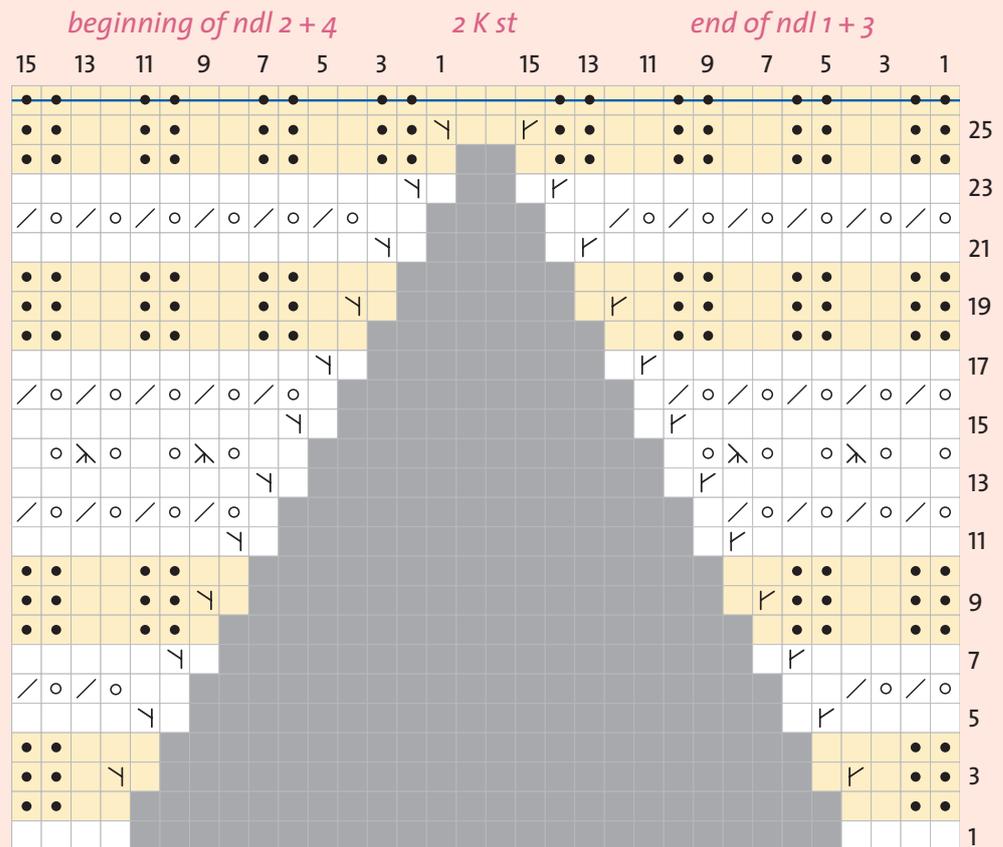
Ndl 4

Put the 34 st from the piece of scrap yarn on a separate ndl and knit those with your 4th needle, ending by picking up 17 st up until where you started. There's 51 st on this ndl and 222 st in total.

Chart 2 The Border corners

Shown here is the corner of the ear flaps. On ndls 1 and 3 you count your st back to your beginning of the ndl starting from the middle of the chart. (at the right of the grey boxes), to make sure you start with the right st.

Make sure the YO's are in the same st columns to create a vertical rib effect.



Boxes in row 1 are the picked up st.
In row 26 st bind off sts in K2, P2.

When you start knitting the border, use chart 2 to knit the corners. Notice you always have at least 1 K st on both sides of the corner. This is also where you have to increase every 2 rows, you can read this in the chart.

To increase you can either do a lifted increase or pick up a loop between two stitches with your left ndl from front to back and knit this through the back of the loop (twisted).

Directions for The Border

Use chart 2 above for the increases at the corners of the ear flaps.

Row 1 = pick up row in cotton 12.

Row 2 - 4 in cotton 12: 3 rows *K2, P2*.

Row 5 - 7 in cotton 40: K 1 row, next row *YO, K2tog*, K 1 row.

Row 8 - 10 in cotton 12: 3 rows *K2, P2*.

In cotton 40:

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 *YO, K2tog*.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 *K3tog twisted, YO, K1, YO*.

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 *YO, K2tog*.

Row 17 Knit.

Row 18 - 20 in cotton 12: 3 rows *K2, P2*.

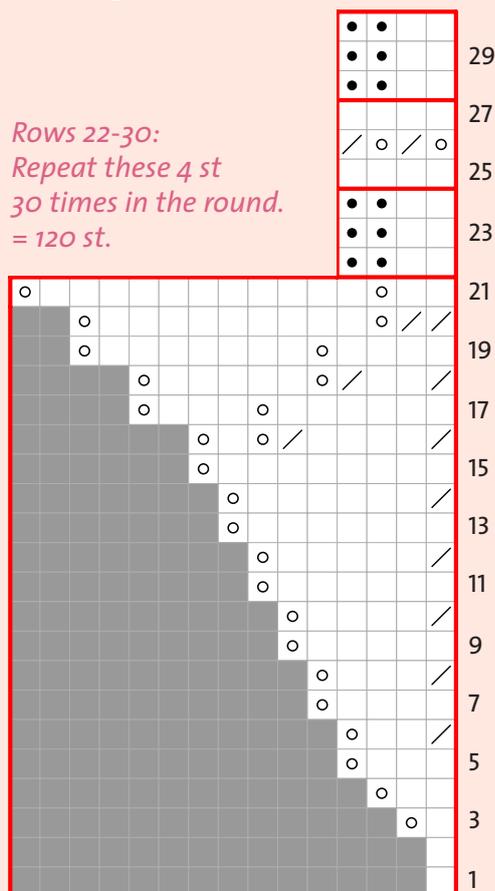
Row 21 - 23 in cotton 40: K 1 row, next row *YO, K2tog*, K 1 row.

Row 24 - 25 in cotton 12: 3 rows *K2, P2*.

Row 26 bind off in *K2, P2*.

Chart 3 The Star

Rows 22-30:
Repeat these 4 st
30 times in the round.
= 120 st.



Rows 1-21: repeat these sts 8 times
in the round.



Part 3 The Star

Use chart 3 and the other set of 5 ndls to work this top of the cap separately.

CO 8 st on 3 ndls with cotton 40.

Make 2 st on ndl 1, 2 st on ndl 2 and 4 st on ndl 3. (this proved to be easier than starting on 4 ndls). The first rows are quite difficult, make sure you don't twist your work.

Row 1 is CO row, row 2 knit all st.

Up until row 9 repeat the chart as follows:

2 x on ndl 1, 2 x on ndl 2 en 4 x on ndl 3.

After row 8 move half of your 20 st on ndl 3 on a 4th ndl (there's now 10 st on each ndl, 40 st in total). The chart must now be worked 2 x on every ndl, 8 x in the round.

After row 21 without any further increases:

Row 22-24 in cotton 12: *K2, P2*.

Row 25-27 in cotton 40: row 25 Knit, row 26:

YO, K2tog, row 27 Knit.

Row 28-30 in cotton 12: *K2, P2*.

You now have 120 st on your ndls.

Finish by cutting your yarn at 80 cm / 32 inch length to use later for kitchener stitching.

Now pick up sts at the top side of the head part in the same way you did before, 1 st in every selvedge st. You'll have to pick up 120 sts on 150 selvedge sts, so you could skip 1 selvedge st after every 4th picked up st or you could pass every 4th st over every 5th st. Divide these 120 sts on 4 ndls, 30 st on each ndl. Make sure ndl 1 starts exactly in the middle of the back of the cap (above the smaller part). The star also has 30 st on each ndl. Hold these next to each other with wrong sides facing and kitchener stitch these together (See Youtube: search for 'Kitchener Stitch').

The star is quite small, that's why it may not look nice and flat at first, but after a wash and flat drying with some stretching it will look better.

Attach 2 pieces of chord or ribbon just behind the corners of the ear flap long enough for tying under the chin.