

Babes & Tots Challenge - Patterns Recommendations

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I've made available a number of my knitting patterns for babies and toddlers. Some of the patterns include sizing for older children as well, although those sizes don't qualify for this challenge. Be sure to stick to baby and toddler sizes. They include sweaters, blankets, hats and socks. Here are some highlights.

Grow as You Go Sweater	Sweater worked from cuff to cuff is designed to expand to fit multiple sizes so the child can wear it longer.
Ruffles Sweater & Hat, matching Ruffles Socks	Two separate patterns to make a circular yoked sweater, a drawstring hat, and socks, all embellished with ruffles.
Trumpet Vine Baby Set	Cross-front sweater and hat with a simple lace pattern.
Wiggle Worms Baby Set	Hat, cross-front sweater, and booties, work in seed stitch with snake cables.
Baby Oliva Cardigan & Blanket	Two separate patterns, using the same pattern stitches.
Seashore Hat, Sweater & Socks	Circular yoked sweater, stocking cap, and socks, all using the same stranded motifs.
Baby Clair Sweater	Cute textured sweater that looks great in variegated, heathered, or solid yarns.

There are many other great patterns out there, but a good choice is anything from Tin Can Knits, especially their "Simple Collection" that includes hats, sweaters, socks, mittens, and blankets. All the patterns in it are free and can be accessed through their app or by downloading a PDF.

<https://tincanknits.com/collection/the-simple-collection>

Leggings: I loved dressing my kids in matching sweaters and leggings. The wool kept them warm all over.

- I used the instructions in Elizabeth Zimmerman's *Knitter's Almanac* for the leggings for my own children.
- If you log into Ravelry.com and then click on the link below, it will give you a selection of pants/leggings for babies and toddlers. If this doesn't work, copy the link below and past it into the URL bar. The one called "Grumpybum Monster" looks like a lot of fun!
https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/search#craft=knitting&pc=pants&fit=baby%2Btoddler&sort=best&view=captioned_thumbs

Headbands:

- For knitted headbands (including crowns!), try this URL.
https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/search#craft=knitting&pc=earwarmers%7Cheadband&fit=baby%2Btoddler&sort=best&view=captioned_thumbs

Booties:

- And here's a Ravelry search for booties:
https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/search#craft=knitting&fit=baby%2Btoddler&pc=booties&sort=best&view=captioned_thumbs
- Cat Bordhi's Felfs (felted booties) are fun and gorgeous. There is a 14-page pattern and a 70-page eBook available.
<https://catbordhi.com/books/felfs-felted-footwear-for-families/>