Easy Kids Striped Hat with Loops

Yarn: Katia Mexico or other self-striping yarn with correct gauge

Gauge: 4 sts=1" on size 8US knitting needles

Size: finished size 19-20" - the hat is will fit 4-8year olds

Knitting Needles:
16" Circular - size 6US and 8US (4 and 5mm)
8US double pointed
4US any

CO 72 sts. on size 6US (4mm) knitting needle, join, being careful not to twist stitches.
Rounds 1-6. Work seed stitch (*K1,P1, repeat from*,reverse on next round).
Switch to Size 8 US (5mm) needles needle and work in stockinette (knit every row) until hat measures 7" from cast on edge.
Crown decreases:
Round 1: *k7, k2tog; repeat from* (64 sts.)
Round 2: (and all even rounds) Knit
Round 3: *k6, k2tog; repeat from* (56 sts.)
Round 5: *k5, k2tog; repeat from* (48 sts.)
Round 7: *k4, k2tog; repeat from* (40 sts.)
Round 9: *k3, k2tog; repeat from* (32 sts.)
Round 11:*k2, k2tog; repeat from* (24 sts.)
Round 13:*k1, k2tog; repeat from* (16 sts.)
Round 14:*k2tog; repeat from* (8 sts.)

Work 3 seed stitch sts. strips on remaining sts. as follows:
Use size 4US double pointed needles. Work back and forth on 3 sts.
Row 1: K1,p1,k1
Row 2: p1;k1;p1
Continue to desired length (ours are 2-3" each).
Bind of, leaving a 5" tail (to be used for sewing the loop in)
Repeat for another strip.
3rd strip:
Work on 2 remaining stitches.
Row 1: K1, K into front ana back of the same stitch (3 sts on the needle)
Continue as other 2 strips. Fold the strips into loops and use yarn ends to sew them down, weaving the ends in inside the hat.

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