

Making Newborn Baby Hats

SIZE IS IMPORTANT

Head Size Chart - knitted or crocheted hats *should be made about 1- 1 1/2" smaller around than the head* circumference, as the hats should stretch! If you make it, someone will fit into it. (Note the shaded area sizes are only for special requests. At this point we only send premie hats to a pediatrician in Ghana and do not need more until further notice.)

* Height given is measured **BEFORE** the brim is already folded up - from the base of the un-folded up brim to the center top of hat. They can be made taller if you want a larger brim to fold up. On newborn hats plan to fold up about 1" for a brim.

Baby Weights/Size of Head & Hat

*1 - 2 lbs – Baby Head Circumference 9" - 10" (**hat circ. about 7.5"-8"**). Hat height **3.5 - 4"**

*2 - 3 lbs – Baby Head Circumference 10" - 11 1/4" (**hat circ = 8.5" - 10"**). Hat height = 4"

*4 - 5 lbs – Baby Head Circumference 11 1/2" - 12 1/2" (**hat circ = 9" - 11.5"**). Hat height = 4 to 4.5"

*5 1/2 - 6 lbs – Baby Head Circumference 12 1/2" - 13" (**hat circ = 11" - 12"**). Hat height = 5 to 5.5"

Crocheting Patterns

PATTERN NUMBER 1:

1. ch 4, join w sl st to form ring
2. ch 1, work 10 sc in ring, do not join w sl st, keep working in rounds
3. 2 sc in ea sc around (20 sc)
4. work 1 md even (20 sc)
5. 2 sc in ea sc around (40 sc)
6. work 1 md even (40 sc)
7. * 1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc*, rep from * to * around (60 sc)
8. continue working sc in rounds until cap measures 8" from top to bottom
9. end off, weave end into outside edge
10. turn up 2" cuff

PATTERN NUMBER 2:

Use a size D or 3 crochet hook and baby or fingering weight yarn.

Ribbing: Chain (ch) 8 stitches (sts); turn, single crochet (sc) into 2nd ch from hook and each st across. Ch 1, turn. Row 2: Sc into back loop only of each sc across. Ch 1, turn. Repeat (rep) row 2 until there are 24 ridges. Fasten off and sew seam in ribbing to form a circle.

Attach yarn at seam and ch 3. Double crochet (dc) in end of each row of ribbing; slip stitch (sl st) to join, ch 3. Work 4 rounds (rnds) of dc joining rnds with sl st.

- **1st decrease (dec) Rnd: Ch 3** * dc 3, dec on next 2 sts; rep from * around, ending dc on any extra sts. Work 1 rnd even.
- **2nd Dec Rnd: Ch 3** * dc 2, dec on next 2 sts; rep from * around, ending dc any extra sts. Work 1 rnd even.
- **3rd Dec Rnd: Ch 3** * dc 1, dec on next 2 sts, rep from 1 ending dc any extra sts. Work 1 rnd even.
- **4th Dec Rnd: Ch 3** * dec on next 2 sts; rep from * around, ending dc any extra sts. Draw together remaining sts and fasten off securely.

Knitted Newborn Hat

Pattern number 1

Size 3 needles/ Size 10 UK needles (Seamless DP version below)
1 oz acrylic blend sport weight or baby yarn (4 ply UK yarn)
Cast on 52 sts for 3-4 lb preemie (68 sts for 4-6 lbs; 72 sts for 7-9 lbs)
Knit 2, purl 2 to end of row
Do this for 40 rows (44, 48 rows)

Decrease:

Row 1: (knit 2, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 2: Purl next row

Row 3: (knit 1, knit 2 together) repeat across row.

Row 4: Purl next row

Repeat decrease rows 3 and 4 until 11 sts remain.

End - Cut yarn leaving a 14" tail.

Carefully remove stitches from needle. Run needle and yarn through remaining sts on needle. Pull to draw shut.

Sew side seam. Add pompom to top if desired.

Pattern number 2

- Use #4 needles and baby weight yarn.
- Cast on 72 stitches (sts)
- Knit (k) 2, Purl (p) 2 or 3 inches.
- K the next 2 rows to make a ridge on the right side.
- P one row
- Work in Stockinette Stitch (st st; k one row, p one row) for 14 rows.
- K the next 2 rows to make another ridge.
- P one row. Next row: k2 together (tog) across row.
- Repeat the last two rows until you have 9 sts remaining on the needle.
- Leave a strand of yarn long enough to weave the back seam together, draw the strand through the 9 sts and fasten.
- Weave the back seam together