Crocheted Earlap Hat
medium/large preemie, newborn
(larger size adjustments in parenthesis)

materials:
US G crochet hook
DK weight yarn
(MC) green-1/2 oz, (C1) white-1/4 oz, (C2) blue-1/4 oz
gauge: 9 hdc/5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

all sizes: 24" of 1/4" or 3/8" satin ribbon, if desired

abbreviations:
ch: chain
hdc: half double crochet
RS: right side
sc: single crochet
sc dec: draw up a loop in the next st. draw up a loop in the following st and pull the loop through the loops on the hook.
sl st: slip stitch

NOTE: ch 2 at beginning of any round will count as a stitch

instructions:
ch 3. sl st in first ch to form a ring.
1. ch 2, work 13 hdc into ring. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (14 st)
2. ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. hdc in last st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (21 st)
3. ch 2. hdc in next st. *2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 2 st. repeat from * to last st. 2 hdc in last st.. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (28 st)
4. ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. hdc in last st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (42 st)
5. PREEMIE ONLY: ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. hdc in next 3 st. 2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 4 st. *2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 3 st. 2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 4 st. repeat from * to end of rnd. (54 st)
5. NEWBORN ONLY: ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. 2 hdc in last st.. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (64 st)
6 - 10 (11): repeat until hat is 4" (41/2") from beginning ring.
   ch 2. hdc in next st and in each st around. sl st in top of ch-2 to join.
   turn. ch 1. sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join. (18 st)

earflaps (worked in doubled crochet for warmth and wind protection):
count (18) 23 st from the join of the round. Attach MC with WS facing. sc in 9 st.
   turn. ch 1. sc in front loop of the same st and each st across.
   turn, and sc in front loop (the other side) of each st. join. (18 st)
   4 mds: ch 1. sc in same st and in each st around. join.
   ch 1. sc decr. sc to last 2 st. sc decr. turn and repeat for other side. join. (14 st)
   (RS). working through the front and back st at the same time, sc decr.. sc in the next 3 st. sc decr. tie off and clip.
   with RS facing, count 20 st from the left side of the first ear flap to determine position for 2nd ear flap and repeat.

hat band:
1. with C2 ch 1, sc in same st and in back loop of each st. around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.
2. ch 2. *dc in next st. sc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of ch-2 to join.
3. with C3, *sc in next st. dc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of sc to join. clip.
4. with C2, ch 2. *dc in next st. sc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of ch-2 to join.
5. ch 1, sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join. clip.

finishing:
weave in all ends.
join MC at center back and loosely sl st across to hat band edge to the first ear flap.
sc in corner between the hat band and the ear flap, in the sides of the earlap rows, across bottom of the earlap, and up the other side of the rows. sc in 2nd corner.
loosely sl st across the hat band edge to the other earlap.
work around 2nd earlap as before.
loosely sl st to end of round. tie off and clip. weave in end.
Add a ribbon or crocheted/twisted tie to the bottom center of each ear flap and pompoms or tassels as desired.