

# Pretty as a Poppy Hat

## materials:

### medium preemie

double point needles 2.25 & 2.75 mm (US 1 & 2)

MC: 3/4 ounce sock yarn

crochet hook US C (for flower)

gauge: 11 st/17 r = 2" with larger needles

### lg preemie/newborn

double point needles 2.75 & 3.5 mm (US 2 & 4)

MC: 1 ounce dk yarn

crochet hook US D (for flower)

gauge: 9 st/15 r = 2" with larger needles

**all yarn requirements are approximate**

yarn used in photo: Bernat Hot Sox 60% acrylic, 40% nylon



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## abbreviations:

*ch*: chain

*dc*: double crochet

*k*: knit

*k2tog*: knit 2 stitches together as one

*lifted incr*: insert needle into the side loop of the stitch below the next stitch on the needle and knit a stitch, then knit next stitch.

*p*: purl

*sl st*: slip stitch

*skp*: slip one stitch, knit next stitch, pass slipped stitch over first stitch and off needle

*yo*: yarn over

## Instructions:

Using a provisional cast on, create 80 stitches and divide evenly onto 4 needles (smaller size) as follows joining to form a circle.

✿ knit three rounds

✿ (k2tog, yo) around

✿ knit three rounds

✿ remove provisional anchor, transferring those stitches to an empty dpn, one needle's-worth at a time

✿ fold over the newly picked up stitches and needle to the inside and hold needle parallel to the needle with the stitches to be worked next.

✿ knit together 1 stitch from each needle until all stitches on needle are worked (20 st/needle)

✿ repeat process for remaining needles. Picot edge complete.

✿ next 5 rounds: k1, p1 around

✿ change to larger needles and knit around, increasing one stitch every 5th stitch using a lifted increase (96 st)

✿ k around for 20 rows. last round, k2tog, k to end of round. (95 st)

## decreases:

rnd 1: \*skp, k17 - repeat from \* to end

rnd 2: \*skp, k16 - repeat from \* to end

rnd 3: \*skp, k15 - repeat from \* to end

rnd 4: \*skp, k14 - repeat from \* to end

rnd 5: \*skp, k13 - repeat from \* to end

continue in progression, working one less stitch between the skp's on each row.

Last row worked should be \*skp, k4 - repeat from \* to end

## finishing:

Cut 6" tail and thread through loops. Pull tight, knit and weave through inside of stitches to secure. Clip.

## flower motif (crocheted):

✿ with black, ch 4 and sl st to form a ring. \*sc into center of ring. ch 2. repeat from \* 4 times (5 small loops created). sl st to top of first sc. tie off and clip. weave in ends.

✿ attach red to one of the loops with a sl st. \*ch 2. 4 dc. ch 2. sl st into loop and in next loop. repeat from \* for all loops. (5 petals created).

✿ sl st in sp between 2 sl st from previous round. \*ch 4. with chain behind row of petals, sl st btwn next 2 sl st in prev round. repeat from \* around.

✿ \*ch 2. 5 dc. ch 2. sl st into loop and in next loop. repeat from \* for all loops. (2nd row of petals created)

✿ tie off and clip. weave in ends. tack flower, just off center, to front of hat with black yarn.

## easy provisional cast on:

With a crochet hook about the same size as your knitting needles and a different colored (but similarly-weighted) yarn crochet a chain that is 5 or 6 stitches longer than the number of stitches required for cast on. Clip yarn, leaving a 4 - 5" tail. Tighten last stitch, but do not knot.

Still using your crochet hook draw up a loop under the back "bump" of the 2nd chain from hook with the project yarn. Be careful not split the strand with the crochet hook -- it makes it more difficult to remove later. Continue picking up stitches down the back of the chain until the you have reached the cast on total. You may want

to transfer the stitches from hook to dpn about every 10 stitches (also helps to keep count).

Once all stitches have been cast on, tighten them on your needles, then continue with pattern.

When ready to remove waste yarn, simply give a firm tug to the last stitch of the chain (with the long tail) and unravel the chain. If you find that you've accidentally pulled your working stitch through the yarn, carefully clip the waste yarn at the point of intersection and continue as before. Load the open loops to your knitting needles and proceed with the pattern.

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