

Crocheted Patriotic Bonnet

sizes: sm preemie, medium/large preemie, newborn
size determined by yarn weight

materials:

small preemie

US C/D crochet hook

fingering weight yarn:

(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
gauge: 10 hdc/7 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

medium/large preemie

US E/F crochet hook

DK weight yarn:

(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
gauge: 9 hdc/5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

newborn

US F/G crochet hook

worsted weight yarn:

(MC) white-1/2 ounces, (C1) red-1/4 ounce, (C2) blue-1/4 ounce
gauge: 7.5 hdc/4.5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

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

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:

ch: chain

hdc: half double crochet

RS: right side

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

NOTE: ch 2 at beginning of any round will count as an hdc



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instructions

using C2, ch 4. sl st in first chain to make a loop

rnd 1: ch 2 (counts a 1 hdc). Work 11 hdc into the loop.
sl st to top of ch 2 to join. (12 st)

rnd 2: sl st into space between ch 2 and first hdc of previous row. ch 2. 1 hdc in same space. work 2 hdc between each two stitches around. sl st to top of ch 2 to join. (24 st)

rnd 3: sl st into space between ch 2 and first stitch of previous row. ch 3 (counts a 1 hdc and a ch 1). 1 hdc in same space. work an hdc, ch 1, hdc between each two stitches around. sl st in 2nd ch of ch 3 to join. (24 clusters)

rnd 4: sl st into space between ch 3 and first stitch of previous row. ch 4 (counts a 1 hdc and a ch 2). 1 hdc in same space. work an hdc, ch 2, hdc in each ch-1 sp around. sl st in 2nd ch of ch 3 to join. (24 clusters)

rnd 5: sl st into space between ch 4 and first stitch of previous row. ch 2. 3 hdc in same space. work 4 hdc in each ch 2 space around. sl st in top of ch 2 to join. tie off and clip yarn.

begin working back and forth –

row 6: join MC. ch 2. working in the back loops, hdc in the next 35 stitches. (36 stitches)

row 7: RS facing, join C1 in top of beginning ch-2 of previous row. ch1, sc in same st and next 2 stitches. *ch10, sc in the next 4 stitches. repeat from * across. end 3 sc.

row 8: WS facing, join MC. ch 2, hdc in each sc across, keeping the ch-10 loops created on the previous round to the RS. (see inset on next page for more detail about the chain loop braids)

row 9: WS facing, join C1. ch1, sc in same space and in the next 2 stitches. *ch10, sc in the next 4 stitches. repeat from * across. end 3 sc. columns of loops should align.

row 10: WS facing, join MC. ch 2, hdc in each sc across, keeping the ch-10 loops created on the previous round to the RS.

row 11: RS facing, join C1. ch1, sc in same st and next 2 stitches. *ch10, sc in the next 4 stitches. repeat from * across. end 3 sc. there should now be 3 loops in each column.

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row 12: WS facing, join MC, ch 2, hdc in each sc across, keeping the ch-10 loops created on the previous round to the RS.

row 13: create chain loop braids as described in the inset.

row 14: RS facing attach C1. ch 1, sc in same st and the next 2 sts. *put hook through top ch-10 loop, sc in the next 3 sts. repeat from * across. repeat from * across. loops should now be attached to the bonnet.

row 15: RS facing, join MC.ch 2, hdc in each sc across.

row 16: turn. ch 2. hdc in each st across.

rnd 17: turn. ch 1, sc in same st and in each stitch across. 3 sc in last stitch (corner). working down the side of the rows, 2 sc in the side of hdc, 1 in sc. sc around bottom of circle and sc up the other side of the hat. work 2 more sc in "corner". sl st to join. tie off and clip.

rnd 18: attach C1. ch 1, sc in same st and in each stitch around, working 3 stitches in the front 2 "corners". sl st to join. tie off and clip.

finishing:

weave in all ends.

create ties by weaving ribbon through the 1st row of hdc's after the anchor row for the chain-loop braid.

chain-loop braid

On selected rows, you will create a ch-10 loop which will be joined, with other loops, several rows later.

When working the rows after the loops are created, be sure to push all the loops to the right side of the fabric before making the next stitch.

Briefly, here are the steps for working the loops

- sc. ch 10. sc in next stitch. continue, according to pattern
- on the next row, work each stitch, including the ones that anchor the chain loops. be sure to push the loop to the right side of the fabric when crocheting across the new row.
- when it's time to "braid" the loops, starting with the bottom loop, give the loop a half twist to the left (so the right side of the loop crosses over the left)
- make the same twist with the loop in the row above. now pull the upper loop through the loop below.
- repeat this process until all loops in the column have been worked.
- when crocheting the next row, where you would have made the chain loop, you will now create your next stitch through the upper-most loop in the column. this process will anchor the top of the "braid" to the crocheted fabric.