

Hats for Babies and Young Children

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I recently made several hats for a baby boy. Not knowing the size of the head, I made them varying sizes and used different materials. I did them on the fly, but I've been asked for the patterns, so here they are.

Size: baby or small child (you can vary size of any of these hats by using a heavier yarn and larger hook)

Common pattern abbreviations:

beg = beginning

ch = chain

dc(s) = double crochet(s)

FPdc = front post double crochet

FPhdc = front post half double crochet

lp(s) = loop(s)

sc(s) = single crochet(s)

sl st = slip stitc

st(s) = stitch(es)



Special Stitches:

Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc) - yo, insert hook behind post of stitch (from front to back) and come out the other side, yo, pull yarn through, bring up even with last stitch completed, yo, pull through 2 loops, (2 loops on hook), yo, pull through remaining 2 lps to complete stitch

Front Post Half Double Crochet (FPhdc) - yo, insert hook behind post of stitch (from front to back) and come out the other side, yo, pull through, bring up even with last stitch completed, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook to complete stitch

Notes:

To begin all hats - make a ring by either chaining 4 and joining with a slip stitch, or using the adjustable ring. First round stitches are worked into the ring. All rounds will be worked on right side. Join each round by slip stitching into the first dc, not the ch-1. Do not turn work.

Hat #1 (about 16")



Materials: G hook, Stylecraft Special DK Burgundy or other DK or sport weight yarn

Instructions:

Round 1: ch 1, work 12 double crochets in the center ring, join with a slip stitch to first dc (not the chain). You can pull your ring a bit tighter now if you're using the adjustable ring. That will almost close your hole. (12 dc).

Round 2: ch 1, work 2 dc in same stitch, then work 2 dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to first dc. (24 dc),

Round 3: ch 1, dc in same stitch, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) around, join with a sl st to first dc, (36 dc)

Round 4: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to first dc (36 dc)

Round 5: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc in ea of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join with a sl st to first dc (48 dc)

Round 6: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to first dc (48 dc)

Round 7: ch 1, dc in same stitch, (dc in next 7 stitches, 2 dc in next st) around. You are working your increase every 8th stitch. (54 dc)

Round 8-9: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to first dc (54 dc)

Round 10: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in next st, FPdc in next st, (dc in each of next 2 stitches, FPdc in next st) (54 sts)

Round 11: ch 1, dc in same stitch, dc in next st, FPhdc in next st, (dc in each of next 2 stitches, FPhdc in next st) (54 sts)

Round 12: ch 1, sc in same stitch, sc all around, join with a slip stitch to first sc, or end with the invisible join.

Variations

Hat #2 (about 16 ½")

Materials: Hayfield Extra Value Bonus DK yarn, G hook



To make a flatter, larger hat work increases as follows:

Round 1: 12 dc

Round 2: 24 dc

Round 3: 36 dc

Round 4: 48 dc

Round 5: 60 dc

Rounds 6-12: dc all around

Round 13-16: sc all around.

Hat #3 (about 16")

Materials: I hook, I Love This Yarn Greybeard or any worsted weight yarn (hat can be turned up to make a rim if desired)



Round 1: 12 dc
Round 2: 24 dc
Round 3: 24 dc
Round 4: 36 dc
Round 5: 36 dc
Round 6: 48 dc
Rounds 7-10: dc around (48)
Rounds 11-14: sc around (48)

Hat #4 (about 17")

Materials: Bernat Waverly Gypsy Gold or any worsted weight yarn, I hook



Round 1: 12 dc
Round 2: 24 dc
Round 3: 36 dc
Round 4: 36 dc
Round 5: 48 dc
Rounds 6-9: dc around
Round 10: ch 3, dc in stitch to the immediate right of the stitch just made to complete a cross-stitch, then go back to the left, skip a stitch, and work a dc, then go back and work a dc in the skipped stitch, working in front of the stitch previously made. Working to the left around, (skip a stitch, working over the stitch just made dc in the skipped stitch) around. You will still have 48 stitches (24 cross-stitches).

Hat #5 (about 17")

Materials: Red Heart Soft Paprika or comparable weight yarn, H hook



Round 1: 12 dc
Round 2: 24 dc
Round 3: 36 dc
Round 4: 36 dc
Round 5: 48 dc
Rounds 6-13: dc around
Round 14: sc around