

Crocheted Premie Cap

The hats should be big enough to fit your hand that is made into a fist. The babies are very little. By the time they weigh 5 pounds they are no longer in the NICU.

3 ply yarn

1 each 4/E and 5/F crochet hooks.

Gauge

In sc with larger hook, 22 sts = 4"; 24 rows = 4"

HAT

Brim

With smaller hook, ch 6

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 ch; turn-5sc

Row 2: ch 1, working in back lps only sc across; turn.

Rep Row 2 until band is 10" long, slightly stretched. Do not fasten off or turn.

Top

Row 1: with larger hook, ch 1, work 54 sc evenly along long edge of band:turn

Row 2 (eyelet row) Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next sc: *ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc; rep from * across; turn.

Row 3: ch 1, sc in each dc and ch-1 sp across; turn.

Row 4: ch1, sc in each sc across; turn.

Rep row 4 until 2" from beg.

Top shaping:

Row 1: ch1; *sc in 4 sc, pull up lp in next 2 sc, yo, draw through 3 lps on hook for sc dec: rep from * across; turn – 45 sc.

Rows 2,4,6,8: ch1, sc in each sc across: turn.

Row 3 ch1* sc in 3 sc, sc dec: rep from * across; turn – 36 sc.

Row 5: ch 1; * sc in 2 sc, sc dec; rep from * across; turn – 27 sc.

Row 7: ch 1; * sc in next sc, sc dec; rep from * across, turn – 18 turn.

Row 9: ch1, sc dec across; turn – 9sc.

Row 10: Rep Row 2. Fasten off. Cut yarn leaving a sewing tail. With yarn needle, weave tail through remaining sts and pull tightly to close top.

Do not use ribbon on caps.