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Newborn Baby Hat Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- Newborn size: hat circumference about 12 in (30 cm) relaxed, stretching to fit a 13-14 in head
- Crown diameter about 4 in (10 cm); hat height about 5.5 in (14 cm)
- **Skill level:** Beginner - magic ring, half double crochet, simple increases
- **Time:** about 1-2 hours

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) soft baby yarn:** approx 60 yds (55 m)
- **5.5 mm (US I-9) crochet hook**
- Yarn needle, scissors, tape measure

Gauge

13 half double crochet stitches x 9 rows = 4 in (10 cm). The crown diameter is your real gauge check: after Round 4, the flat circle should measure about 4 in across. Too big? Go down a hook size. Too small? Go up one.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **hdc** = half double crochet (UK: htr)
- **sc** = single crochet | **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st(s)** = stitch(es)

The hat is worked top-down in joined rounds. The turning ch 2 does not count as a stitch. Join each round with a sl st to the first hdc.

Crown (increase rounds)

Round 1: Make a magic ring. Ch 2 (does not count), work 10 hdc into the ring. Pull the ring closed and join. (10 sts)

Round 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join. (20 sts)

Round 3: Ch 2, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st*; rep from * around. Join. (30 sts)

Round 4: Ch 2, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts*; rep from * around. Join. (40 sts)

Lay the circle flat and measure across: it should be about 4 in. If it is off by more than half an inch, change hook size and start over - it only takes a few minutes.

Hat Body (straight rounds)

Rounds 5-10: Ch 2, hdc in each st around. Join. (40 sts per round)

After Round 10 the hat should measure about 4.5 in from the top.

Soft Brim

Rounds 11-12: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. (40 sts per round)

Fasten off and weave in the ends. The finished hat measures about 5.5 in tall.

Optional folded brim

For a classic folded look, work 4 rounds of sc instead of 2, then fold the brim up 1 inch. The fold adds warmth over little ears and looks adorable in a contrasting color.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- Wash gently according to your yarn label and lay flat to dry.
- Make one more in another color - you know you want to.