Newborn Crochet Hat

with instructions for Ear Flap Hat and Bear Ears

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(You can find more of Krista’s beautiful photography at kristaadamsphotography.com)
Basic Hat

Ch 4, Slip stitch into first chain to form a ring.

Rnd 1 – Ch 2, work 9 hdc into ring. {Sl st into 2nd chain of post to connect.} Repeat {} at end of each round. (10)

Rnd 2 – Ch 2, hdc in same spot, 2hdc in next st around. (20)

Rnd 3 – Ch 2, 2hdc in next st, [hdc in next st, 2hdc in next st.] repeat [] around. (30)

Rnd 4 – Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2hdc in next st, [hdc in next 2 st, 2hdc in next st.] repeat [] around. (40)

Rnd 5 – Ch 2, hdc in next 8 sts, 2hdc in next st, [hdc in next 9 st, 2 hdc in next st] repeat [] around. (44)

Rnd 6-16 – Ch 2, hdc in each st around.

(in contrasting color if desired)

Rnd 17 – Ch 1, sc in each st around.

Bind off and weave in loose ends. Add bear ears if desired.

Hat with Ear Flaps and Ties

Complete rounds 1 – 5 of basic hat

Rnd 6-7 – Ch 2, hdc in each st around.

Rnd 8 – Ch 2, hdc in next 9 sts, 2hdc in next st, [hdc in next 10 st, 2 hdc in next st] repeat [] around. (48)

Rnd 9-12 – Ch 2, hdc in each st around.

Bind off and weave in loose ends.

Ear Flaps

Fold hat in half with Ch2 posts in center of back of hat. Attach yarn 2 st from side seam of hat front. Work towards back of hat.

Row 1-3 – Ch 2, hdc in next 6 sts. (turn after Ch2 in row 2 and 3 so you are working on same 7 sts) (7)

Supplies

Worsted Weight Yarn

I Hook

Abbreviations


Row 4 – Ch 2, turn, [pull up yarn in next 2 sts so that there is 3 loops on hook. Sl st though all 3 loops], hdc in next 2 sts, repeat []. (5)

Row 5 – Ch 2, turn, repeat [] in row 4 twice. (3)

Bind off and weave in loose ends. Repeat with other side of hat for second ear flap.

Finishing

(in contrast color if desired)

Sc in each st around hat working 17 sc into sides and top of each flap.

Ties

Cut 8 strands of yarn 40 inches long. Fold in half. Insert all 8 strands of loop end of yarn through the bottom center of an ear flap. Pull cut ends of all 16 strands though loop and tightening. Divide 16 strands into 3 groups (5, 5, and 6) and braid 10 inches. Tie knot and trim ends 1 inch from knot.

Bear Ears

Ch 4, sl st to form a ring

Rnd 1 – Ch 2, work 11 hdc into ring (12)

Rnd 2 – Ch 2, hdc in same spot, 2hdc in each remaining st around. (24)

Rnd 3 – Ch 2, 2hc in next st, [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st], repeat [] around. (36)

Rnd 4 – Ch 2, hdc in each st around.

Bind off, fold in half to make double layer semi-circle and attach to hat slightly to the back of side seam or aligned with ear flaps.