

Crochet Stretchy Preemie Hat

1 – 2 Pound Baby

Size G Crochet Hook (Increase or decrease your hook size if you crochet tightly or loosely)

Use a Soft Baby Yarn (ex: TLC Baby Sport Light Ultra Soft by Red Heart, Bernat Softee Baby, Lion Brand Baby Soft)

Hat: 5 ¼" in Height & 7 ½" Wide (With 1" Cuff turned up, hat should measure 4" in height)

Leaving a 5 – 8" tail, **Chain 26** (tail on the left indicates right side of hat) This is the height of the hat.

Begin in first chain from hook - *SC in **back loop only** across to end, Ch 1, turn*

This creates a ridge in the hat.

Repeat from * for 18 ridges or 36 rows, until hat measures 7 ½" (This is width or circumference of hat)

At end of last row, do not chain 1. Measure yarn and cut at approximately 5". Pull yarn through loop to finish off.

You now have two thread ends on the left side. This is top of hat.

Fold hat (the 7 ½" wide) right sides together. Taking another length of yarn, approximately 12" long, thread a tapestry or yarn needle for sewing up the seam. I begin at the bottom of the hat, leaving a 3-4" tail, that I sandwich in while sewing up the seam. This secures the yarn tail in the hat and can't be seen.

Weave your needle back and forth from one side to the other, picking up the top two crochet loops from the stitch on both sides. Upon reaching the top of the hat, secure yarn – you may tie all three yarn tails together and cut off.

Cut another length of yarn approx 20" and thread needle. Weave yarn through stitches at very top of hat, as high as you can go in order to reduce bulk. When yarn meets, pull together and tie in a knot. I always tie the knot 3 or 4 times for security. Snip yarn.

If you would like it more secure, you may weave two separate yarns through and tie off.

Turn hat right side out and turn up cuff.

A tiny Baby Thanks You!

For a 2 - 3 Pound Baby - Do as above, except increase your width to 8.5 – 10".

Finish hat as instructed above.

For 4 - 5 Pound Baby – increase your chain by a few stitches so hat will measure 5.5" in height. (4.5" after turned up cuff.)

Width (or circumference) should be between 9 – 11.5". Finish as above.

Newborn Hat - Chain 36 – Single Crochet in Back Loop only. Hat should measure 7" in Height and 11" Wide. Work as instructed above.