

Striped Earflap Crochet Hat

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Materials:

- Worsted/medium weight acrylic or wool yarn (size 4), main color (MC) and trim (TC)
- H/8 (5 mm) and I/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hooks
- Tapestry needle (for weaving in loose ends and sewing on appliques)
- Tape measure for checking hat circumference

Gauge: 4 rows dc = 2" high, 6 dc = 2" wide.

Medium weight yarns can vary widely in their thickness. For this pattern I've used Lion Brand Pound of Love, or Caron Simply Soft, which are on the thinner end of the medium weight spectrum. If your hat is too small/big, you can move up/down a pattern size or a hook size.

I have found the following CDC growth charts for baby head sizes to be helpful. Go with head size over age suggestion when possible. Check your hat size when you are finished with your tape measure.

Boys: <http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/data/set1clinical/cj41c019.pdf>

Girls: <http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/data/set1clinical/cj41c020.pdf>

Difficulty level: easy

General notes:

- This pattern includes newborn (0-3 months), 3-9 months, 9-12 months, and toddler (1-3 year) sizes. Each successive hat size is about 1-2" larger.
- Hats will stretch up to 2" depending on your gauge. Pick your pattern size based on the head size.
- The hat is worked without turning. My double crochets are two chains high. If yours are three chains high, substitute ch3 for ch2 throughout the pattern.

Stitches and abbreviations used in this pattern:

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

Pattern:

Hat body:

Note for stripes: The stripe pattern is merely a suggestion – let your imagination run wild! If you decide to use hdc instead of dc, remember that hdc are half the height of dc, so add an extra row of dc for every two rows of hdc at the end to maintain the total row count of the hat.

Newborn (0-3 months) (12”-13” unstretched, 14”-15” head size):

Row 1: Using MC and H hook, ch4, sl st to form loop. Ch2, 12 dc into loop. Sl st to first ch2 (12 st).

Row 2: Ch2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each ch around, sl st to last st (24 st).

Row 3: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (36 st).

Row 4: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 5: Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 6: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 7: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 8: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 9: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Hint: if you used two rows of hdc TC, add an extra row of dc here for a total of 10 rows before the brim.

Row 10-11 (brim): Switch to I hook. Ch1, sc in same st, 1 sc in each st all the way around, sl st to last st. Cut yarn but do not fasten off, leave a tail to connect to TC later.

3-9 months (14”-15” unstretched, 16”-17” head size):

Row 1: Using MC and H hook, ch4, sl st to form loop. Ch2, 12 dc into loop. Sl st to first ch2 (12 st).

Row 2: Ch2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each ch around, sl st to last st (24 st).

Row 3: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (36 st).

Row 4: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 5: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 7 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around 5 times. 1 dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Row 6: Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Row 7: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Row 8: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Row 9: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Row 10: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (52 st).

Hint: if you used two rows of hdc TC, add an extra row of dc here for a total of 11 rows before the brim.

Row 11-12 (brim): Switch to I hook. Ch1, sc in same st, 1 sc in each st all the way around, sl st to last st. Cut yarn but do not fasten off, leave a tail to connect to TC later.

9-12 months (16"-17" unstretched, 18"-19" head size):

Row 1: Using MC and H hook, ch4, sl st to form loop. Ch2, 12 dc into loop. Sl st to first ch2 (12 st).

Row 2: Ch2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each ch around, sl st to last st (24 st).

Row 3: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (36 st).

Row 4: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 5: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 4 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around 7 times. 1 dc in next 4 st. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Row 6: Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Row 7: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Row 8: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Row 9: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Row 10-11: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (54 st).

Hint: if you used two rows of hdc TC, add an extra row of dc here for a total of 12 rows before the brim.

Row 12-13 (brim): Switch to I hook. Ch1, sc in same st, 1 sc in each st all the way around, sl st to last st. Cut yarn but do not fasten off, leave a tail to connect to TC later.

Toddler (1-3 years) (18"-19" unstretched, 20"-21" head size):

Row 1: Using MC and H hook, ch4, sl st to form loop. Ch2, 12 dc into loop. Sl st to first ch2 (12 st).

Row 2: Ch2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each ch around, sl st to last st (24 st).

Row 3: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (36 st).

Row 4: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (48 st).

Row 5: Ch2, dc in same st, *1 dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st* repeat from * around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

Row 6-7: Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

(Note: if you want your hat to be bigger, add a few "2 dc in next st" on row 6. Generally, 2 extra dc per row = 1" in head size. 1 dc in each st all the way around for rows 7-12.)

Row 8: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

Row 9: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

Row 10: Switch to TC. Ch2, dc (or hdc) in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

Row 11-12: Switch to MC. Ch2, dc in same st, 1 dc in each st all the way around. Sl st to last st (60 st).

Hint: if you used two rows of hdc TC, add an extra row of dc here for a total of 13 rows before the brim.

Row 13-14 (brim): Switch to I hook. Ch1, sc in same st, 1 sc in each st all the way around, sl st to last st. Cut yarn but do not fasten off, leave a tail to connect to TC later.

Earflaps/Finishing:



1) Fold hat in half with seam running along the right edge.



2) Count in 7 sc from the right edge.
With MC and H hook, sl st, ch1, and sc 9 (10, 11, 12) st.



3) *Ch1, turn. Skip the first sc, and sc to the end.*
Repeat * - you will be decreasing one sc every round until you have 1 sc left.



4) Ch 25-30 (depending on your preference for length of strap). Fasten off. Turn hat over and repeat on opposite side.



5) Begin back at middle seam of hat body. Using TC, sc along the edge and earflaps.



6) Sc along one side of the ch of strap. 4 sc into the ch at the end and sc back along the other side and back around the hat. Repeat for second earflap. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Flower

You can use any color and any size hook for the flower. I normally use an H hook for the first row of petals and I hook for the second row of petals. Using I hook for both will create a larger flower.



Row 1: Ch 4, sl st to form a loop.
Ch 3, sl st into loop
Repeat * 5 times for a total of six ch3 loops.



Row 2: Sl st, ch1 into first ch3 loop.
In each loop: hdc, dc, hdc, ch1, sl st.
Sl st, ch1 into next loop and repeat.



Finished first round of petals.



Row 3: ch1, turn flower over.
Insert hook, sl st into middle of the back of the petal. Ch4.
Repeat * five times – 6 ch4 loops.



Finished row 3. The ch4 loops provide the base of the next row of petals.



Row 4: Sl st, ch1 into first ch4 loop.
In each loop: hdc, 3 dc, hdc, ch1, sl st.
Sl st, ch1 into next loop and repeat.
Fasten off, leave a long tail to sew onto hat.



Optional: if you want to keep adding rows for a bigger flower, repeat rows 3-4, increasing the ch loop to 5 and dc in each petal to 5.

