

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Baby Beanie

A soft, simple top-down baby hat in half double crochet, with sizes from newborn to 6 months. Quick to make, easy to customize and lovely to gift.



SKILL LEVEL Easy	FINISHED SIZE Newborn: 12 in (30 cm) around · 0–3 months: 14 in (35.5 cm) · 3–6 months: 16 in (40.5 cm)	YARN WEIGHT Light
HOOK 4 mm (US G-6)	TIME About 1½–2 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: 16 hdc = 4 in (10 cm) worked in rounds. Check your gauge — it determines the finished size.

Materials

- ☐ DK-weight yarn — About 90–150 yd (82–137 m), depending on size (Estimated)
- ☐ 4 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- ☐ Stitch marker and tapestry needle

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

hdc — half double crochet

sl st — slip stitch

st(s) — stitch(es)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times stated

ch — chain

sc — single crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch

rnd(s) — round(s)

Notes before you start

- Sizes are written as Newborn (0–3 months, 3–6 months). Follow the numbers for your size throughout.
- Rounds are joined. The ch 2 at the start of each round does not count as a stitch — work the first hdc into the same stitch as the join.
- Here, inc means 2 hdc in the same stitch.
- Place a marker in the first stitch of each round so the join is easy to find.

The pattern

Crown

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring. Ch 2, work 8 hdc into the ring and pull it closed. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. **(8)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join. **(16)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Ch 2, [hdc 1, inc] 8 times. Join. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Ch 2, [hdc 2, inc] 8 times. Join. **(32)**
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** Ch 2, [hdc 3, inc] 8 times. Join. **(40)**
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** Ch 2, [hdc 4, inc] 8 times. Join. Newborn size: stop increasing and go to the Body section. **(48)**
- ☐ **Rnd 7 (0–3 and 3–6 months only):** Ch 2, [hdc 5, inc] 8 times. Join. 0–3 months: stop increasing here. **(56)**
- ☐ **Rnd 8 (3–6 months only):** Ch 2, [hdc 6, inc] 8 times. Join. **(64)**

Body

- ☐ **Even rounds:** Ch 2, hdc in each st around. Join. Repeat this round until the hat measures 4.5 (5, 5.5) in / 11.5 (12.5, 14) cm from the center of the crown. The brim adds about $\frac{3}{4}$ in (2 cm) more. **(48 (56, 64))**

Brim

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st around, starting in the same st as the join. Join with a sl st to the first sc. **(48 (56, 64))**
- ☐ **Rnds 2–3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. **(48 (56, 64))**
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Finishing

- ☐ **Wash and dry:** Weave in the ends securely, then wash the hat gently and dry it flat.

Tips

- If the crown ruffles, your tension may be loose — try a smaller hook. If it cups, try a larger one.
- Measure the height from the very center of the crown, laying the hat flat.
- Keep a note of your size and hook so matching gifts come out the same.

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