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Knit to WIN Challenge Preemie Hat Pattern

Crocheted Baby Cap

Uses sport weight yarn and size G or H crochet hook. You will also need a blunt end tapestry needle. Cap is worked in single crochet (SC) through the **back** of each stitch. Requires 1 ounce of yarn (not including the pom-pom). With a G hook, cap will be 10 - 11 inches wide at cuff edge.

Chain stitch for 6 inches.

Row 1: Work SC in second stitch and each remaining stitch. Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: SC in each stitch to within 4 stitches of end of row, leaving those 4 stitches. Chain 1, turn.

Row 3: SC to end of row. Chain 1, turn.

Row 4: SC in every stitch, including the 4 skipped in Row 2. Chain 1, turn.

Row 5: SC to end of row. Chain 1, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 - 5 eight more times for a total of 36 rows. Thread a 20 inch piece of yarn into a tapestry needle and attach it at one side of the end with the skipped stitches. Weave the yarn through the end, drawing it into a tight circle. Continue down the sides, whip stitching them together. Turn up the bottom edge to form a cuff. Attach a pom-pom, if desired.

Knitted Baby Cap

Uses sport weight yarn, size 6 needles, and a blunt end tapestry needle. One 2.5 ounce skein will make 3 caps. You can vary the cap by adding contrasting colors of yarn for accent. Use your imagination! Caps will be 10 inches wide at the cuff edge. (If you want to use worsted weight yarn, cast on 44 stitches, use size 8 needles and proceed as for the sport weight directions.)

Cast on 48 stitches.

Row 1: Knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 until work measures 5 inches.

Next row: Knit 2 together to end of row.

Next row: Knit

Next row: Knit 2 together to end of row.

Next row: Knit

Next row: Knit 2 together to end of row.

Cut the yarn, leaving a 20 inch piece. Thread it through a tapestry needle and draw the yarn through the remaining stitches on the needle. Slip the stitches off the needle and draw them up to form a circle. Sew the seam by whip stitching the edges together.

Turn up the bottom edge to form a cuff. Top with a pom-pom, if desired.