

Preemie Present Hat

for small (medium, large) preemies

Needed:

- ♥ crochet, size F
- ♥ approx ½ ounce sports weight/DK yarn in main color
- small amounts of colors A & B

abbreviations:

BPDC - back post DC
Cx - contrasting colors
ch - chain
dc - double crochet
FPDC - front post DC
MC - main color
st(s) - stitch(es)



yarn used in picture: Plymouth Dreambaby

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When making color changes, work stitch until 2 loops remain on hook. Pull new color through remaining loops.

Carry non-working thread loosely across back of work.

instructions:

with MC, ch 10 (14, 18)

rnd 1: (side 1) dc in third chain from hook, dc in next 7 (11, 15) ch. ch 2 (counts as dc) and sl stitch in last chain (side 2) with MC ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in next 3 st. across next 5 stitches. dc w/B, 3 dc w/C, 1 dc w/B, w MC DC to end of round. (9, 13, 17 st each side) piece now resembles a rectangle, with stitches on both sides of original chain

rnd 2: working across the short side of the row, ch 2, work 2 dc in the side of the post of the just-worked dc, 2 dc in the side of the beginning ch 2.
*Work 2 dc in the top of the next stitch, 1 dc in the next stitch. repeat from * across the long side, ending with 2 dc in last st on the long side (fig. 1).

working across the 2nd short side, ch 2, work 2 dc in the side of the post of the dc on the prev rnd, 2 dc in the side of the ch 2. (fig 2)

working across 2nd long side, work 2 dc in the next 3 st. with C1, dc in the next st. with C2 dc in the next 3 st, with C1 dc in the next st. with MC, dc in next 0 (1, 2) st and work 2 dc in each remaining st. (fig 3) Sl st in top of ch 2 to join. (37, 50, 62 sts)

rnd 3: continuing in established color pattern ch 2, dc in each stitch around, evenly increase 5 sts in the MC section. sl st in top of ch 2 to join. (42, 55, 67 sts)

rnd 4: change to color B. ch 1 and sc in each stitch around. sl st in top of ch 1 to join.

rnd 5: change to color C. ch 2 and dc in each stitch around. sl st in top of ch 2 to join.

rnd 6: change to color B. ch 1 and sc in each stitch around. sl st in top of ch 1 to join.

rnd 7: with MC ch 2, dc around, changing colors at original color changes. Sl st in top of ch 2 to join.

rnd 8: continuing in original color pattern and beginning with MC, ch 2. dc in each stitch around, evenly decreasing 6 (5, 5) sts in the MC section. Sl st in top of ch 2 to join. (36, 50, 62 sts)

rnd 9/10: Ch 2. FPDC in next stitch, BPDC in next stitch around (creates ribbing). Sl st in top of ch 2 to join. Clip yarn and work in ends.

bow:

with C2, ch 24

dc in 3rd ch and across. Clip yarn and work in ends.

join color B, sc between the posts of each dc.

3 sc over the post of the end dc. sc between the bottom of the posts of each dc. break off and join ends to make a loop.

find the middle of the loop and fasten the bow to the intersection of the two lines on the hat, the "ribbon", using a satin stitch



fig. 1

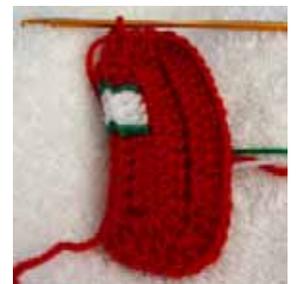


fig. 2



fig. 3