

Cloud Beanie

A soft, seamless top-down hat in half double crochet, in three baby sizes, with a snug ribbed-look brim.

DRAFT PATTERN. This pattern is a draft. The stitch counts were calculated on paper, but nobody has test-stitched it yet, so sizes, gauge and yarn amounts are unverified. Please swatch first and expect to adjust.

Skill	Beginner	Time	1–2 hours
Yarn	DK cotton blend	Hook	4.0 mm
Size	Newborn, 0–3 months, 3–6 months		

Materials

- DK (light worsted) baby-soft yarn: about 40 g for newborn, 50 g for 0–3 months, 60 g for 3–6 months
- 4.0 mm crochet hook
- Stitch marker, yarn needle, scissors
- Optional: pompom maker

Gauge

About 14 hdc × 11 rows = 10 cm (4 in). The flat crown circle should measure about 9.5 cm (newborn), 10.8 cm (0–3 months) or 12 cm (3–6 months) across before you start working the sides. If yours is smaller, go up a hook size. If it is larger, go down.

Sizing. Newborn: head 32–35 cm, hat about 30 cm around. 0–3 months: head 36–39 cm, hat about 34 cm around. 3–6 months: head 40–43 cm, hat about 38 cm around. The hat stretches comfortably.

Worked in a spiral without joining. Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of each round.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch chain

sl st slip stitch

sc single crochet (US)

hdc half double crochet (US)

inc increase: 2 sc (or 2 hdc) in the same stitch

MR magic ring

st(s) stitch(es)

Rnd round (worked in a spiral unless the pattern says to join)

BLO back loop only

*** *** repeat the instructions between asterisks as directed

() the stitch count at the end of a round

Crown

Work to the round shown for your size: newborn stops after Rnd 5 (40 sts), 0–3 months after Rnd 6 (48 sts), 3–6 months after Rnd 7 (56 sts).

Rnd 1 8 hdc in magic ring (8)

Rnd 2 2 hdc in every st around (16)

Rnd 3 (*1 hdc, inc*) × 8 (24)

Rnd 4 (*2 hdc, inc*) × 8 (32)

Rnd 5 (*3 hdc, inc*) × 8 (40)

Rnd 6 (*4 hdc, inc*) × 8 (48)

Rnd 7 (*5 hdc, inc*) × 8 (56)

Sides

Hdc in every stitch around, without increasing, until the hat measures the following from the centre of the crown to the edge: newborn 10 cm (4 in), 0–3 months 11.5 cm (4½ in), 3–6 months 13 cm (5 in).

Brim

Ch 1. Sc in every stitch around, sl st to the first sc to join (40, 48 or 56 sts). Repeat for 3 rounds in total. On the last round, sl st in every stitch around for a tidy edge. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Pompom (optional)

Make a 6 cm pompom. Tie it tightly with a length of yarn and use the tails to attach it to the crown.

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