

CAPS FOR PREEMIES

These knitted and crocheted caps are easy to do and can be worked quickly with small amounts of yarn and ribbon. Make several in assorted colors in machine washable yarn and contribute to the care of tiny little infants in need; of Coats & Clark Red Heart® Super Sport™ yarn.

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DIRECTIONS

KNITTED PREMIE CAP

shown above

SIZE: 10" diameter.

MATERIALS

Coats & Clark Red Heart® Super Sport yarn Art. E.271, one 3-oz. (279-yd.) skein white #01. Knitting needles sizes 3 and 5 (3.25 and 3.75 mm) or size to obtain gauge. Satin ribbon 1/8" wide, 2/3 yard. Tapestry needle.

GAUGE

In St st with larger needles, 6 sts = 1"; 8 rows = 1".

Make a gauge swatch as follows: Using

larger needle, CO 12 sts. Work in St st (k RS rows, p WS rows) for 8 rows or 1". Swatch should measure 2" wide. If it does not, p 1 row on RS of fabric to mark difference. If swatch is too narrow, change to larger needles. If swatch is too wide, change to smaller needles. Work even for 1" to prove gauge.

KNITTED CAP

Brim: Using smaller needles, CO 57 sts. **Rows 1 and 3:** K 1; * p 1, k 1; rep from * across.

Rows 2 and 4: P 1; * k 1, p 1; rep from * across.

Change to larger needles and k across next row, increasing 3 sts evenly spaced—60 sts. Purl one row.

Eyelet Row (RS): K 1; * k 2 tog, yo; rep

from * across, ending with k 1.

Beg with a purl row, work in St st until 2 3/4" from beg, decreasing 4 sts evenly spaced across last WS row—56 sts.

Shape Top: Row 1 (RS): * K 5, k 2 tog; rep from * across—48 sts.

Row 2 and All WS Rows: Purl across.

Row 3: * K 4, k 2 tog; rep from * across—40 sts.

Cont as est, decreasing 8 sts evenly spaced every RS row until 8 sts rem. Purl one row, then cut yarn, leaving a small tail.

Finishing: Weave yarn tail through rem sts and pull tightly to close top. Sew back seam. Weave ribbon through eyelet row, tying a bow in center front. ♦

DIRECTIONS

CROCHETED PREEMIE CAP

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SIZE: 10" diameter.

MATERIALS

Coats & Clark Red Heart® Super Sport yarn Art. E.271, one 3-oz. (279-yd.) skein white #01. Crochet hooks, sizes 4/E and 5/F (3.5 and 3.75 mm) or size to obtain gauge. Satin ribbon 1/8" wide, 2/3 yard. Tapestry needle.

GAUGE

In sc with larger hook, 11 sts = 2"; 6 rows = 1".

Make a gauge swatch as follows: Ch 12. **Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; ch 1, turn—11 sc. **Rows 2–6:** Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn. Swatch should measure 2" wide.

If swatch is too narrow, change to larger hook. If swatch is too wide, change to smaller hook. Make another swatch to prove gauge.

CROCHETED CAP

Ribbed Brim: With smaller hook, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 4 sc; ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: Work across in sc, inserting hook through back of sts only; ch 1 and turn.

Rep row 2 until band measures 10" long. Do **not** end off.

Top: Row 1: With larger hook, ch 1, work 54 sc along long edge of band; ch 1 and turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next sc; * ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in next sc; rep from * to end of row; ch 1 and turn.

Row 3: Sc in each dc and ch-1 sp around; ch 1 and turn—54 sc.

Row 4: Sc in each sc across; ch 1 and turn.

Rep row 4 until cap measures 2" from edge.

Shape Top: Row 1: * Sc in 4 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn—45 sc.

Rows 2, 4, 6, and 8: Sc in each sc across; ch 1 and turn.

Row 3: * Sc in 3 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn—36 sc.

Row 5: * Sc in 2 sts, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn—27 sc.

Row 7: * Sc in 1 st, work 2 sc tog; rep from * across; ch 1 and turn—18 sc.

Row 9: Work 2 sc tog across; ch 1 and turn—9 sc.

Row 10: Rep row 2; do not ch 1, but end off.

Finishing: Weave end of yarn through rem sts and pull tightly to close top. Sew back seam. Weave ribbon through eyelet row, tying a bow in center front. ◆