

Crocheted Preemie Cap

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Materials:

One ball of sport or DK gauge yarn
Crochet hooks E and F or size for gauge
Satin ribbon 1/8" wide, 2/3 yard
Tapestry needle

Gauge:

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

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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, inseting hook through back of sts only; ch 1 and turn.
Repeat row 2 until band measures 10" long. Do not end off.

Top:

Row 1: With larger hook, ch1, 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.