

Quick Crochet Cozy Preemie Hat By: Alex Resch



SUGGESTED YARN:

Any worsted (4) medium weight yarn such as Red Heart Super Saver or Loops and Threads Impeccable

GAUGE:

12-13 fpdc sts and 12-13 rows = 4 inches

HOOKS and SIZES

Each size uses the same pattern. Simply vary the hook size for each size as follows:

For a hat to fit 10-11 inch circumference use 5.5 mm hook

For a hat to fit 12-13 inch head circumference use 6 mm hook

For a hat to fit 13-14 inch head circumference use 6.5 mm hook

ABBREVIATIONS:

Fdc = Foundation double crochet Fpdc = Front post double crochet

Ch = chain

Sl st = slip stitch

Fpdc2tog = front post double crochet 2 sts together

General pattern notes:

- This pattern makes a very stretchy, comfy, cozy hat so it can accommodate a wide range of head sizes! Play around with hooks and yarn to achieve different sizes as needed.
- This is a very basic pattern and is GREAT for graphs so be creative! Stripes would also be adorable. I have included a basic heart graph for your enjoyment that will fit on the hat. Keep in mind that if you want your image to fit on the front and center of the hat (like the heart shown) you are limited to a 10x10 area.
- I used stitchfiddle.com to create my graph. This is an awesome resource with many functions. I highly recomend playing around with it! You can find the link to my heart here (I also screen shotted it at the end of the pattern): https://www.stitchfiddle.com/c/sj42ex-eq48sj/quickview
- Here is an EXCELLENT graph hat picture tutorial and tons of information for making making hats with graphs and color changes:
 - http://www.mnecrafts.com/2015/02/graph-hat-photo-tutorial.html
- Instructions for making fpdc: http://www.mooglyblog.com/post-stitches-raisedrelief/
- Another fpdc resource with detailed pictures: <u>http://beautifulcrochetstuff.com/how-to-make-front-post-and-back-post-double-crochet-stitches/</u>
- Instructions for making fdc: http://www.mooglyblog.com/foundation-double-crochet-fdc/
- Video for joining foundation ch in the round: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuToidIhd9w

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PATTERN

Round 1: Fdc 30 and join for working in the round (see videos above for guidance). (Alternatively you may, ch 30 and join for working in the round. Dc in each ch) (30 sts)

Rounds 2-11: Ch 2. Fpdc in every st all the way around. Join the last fpdc with the first fpdc with a sl st. If you wish, follow the graph provided (starting at row 14, working from the bottom up) or follow one of your own graphs! (30 sts)

Round 12: Ch 2. *Fpdc in the next 3 sts, then fpdc2tog* Repeat from * to * all the way around. Join final fpdc to first fpdc with a sl st

Round 13: Ch 2. *Fpdc in the next 2 sts, then fpdc2tog* Repeat from * to * all the way around. Join final fpdc to first fpdc with a sl st

Round 14: Ch 2. *Fpdc in the next st, then fpdc2tog* Repeat from * to * all the way around. Join final fpdc to first fpdc with a sl st

Round 15: Ch 2. Fpdc2tog all around

Cut yarn and weave in and out of hole and pull tight. Weave in ends.

Snap a pic and tag me on instagram (@nima_lab), facebook (@nimalabdesigns), or add your project on Ravelry so I can see!

Happy crocheting, Alex

