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**BABY'S FIRST CLUSTER CROCHET HAT** | CROCHET



## **MATERIALS** Caron<sup>®</sup> Simply Soft<sup>®</sup> (6 oz/170.1 q; 315 yds/288 m)

Sizes 10-12 pounds Soft Pink (39719) ball

Note: 1 ball will make approx 12 (10-7-5) Hats.

Size U.S. 7 (4.5 mm) crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** 1 stitch marker.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

**Hdc** = Half double crochet **Approx** = Approximately **SI st** = Slip stitch **Beg** = Begin(ning) **Rep** = Repeat **Sp** = Space Ch = Chain(s)Rnd(s) = Round(s)**St(s)** = Stitch(es) **Dc** = Double crochet **Sc** = Single crochet

🐚 CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER

#### **SIZES**

Preemie 3-4 lbs (Preemie 5-6 lbs -Newborn 7-9 lbs -3 months 10-12 lbs).

#### To fit head circumference:

**8½** (11-12½ -14)" [21.5 (28-32-35.5) cml.

### **GAUGE**

14 sc and 15 rows = 4'' [10 cm].

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus ( ). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

Beginning (Beg) at crown, chain (ch) 3.

1st round (rnd): 8 half double crochet (hdc) in 3rd ch from hook. Join with slip stitch (sl st) to first hdc.

**2nd rnd:** Ch 3 [counts as double crochet (dc)]. 1 dc in same space (sp) as last sl st. \*Ch 1. 2 dc in next hdc. Repeat (Rep) from \* around. Ch 1. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 8 groups of 2 dc.

Size 3-4 lbs only: 3rd rnd: Sl st in next sp between 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. \*(2 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice. 2 dc in sp between next 2 dc. Rep from \* once more. (2 dc in next ch-1 sp. 2 dc in sp between next 2 dc) 3 times. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 13 groups of 2 dc.

Size 5-6 lbs only: 3rd rnd: SI st in next sp between 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. 2 dc in next ch-1 sp. \*2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. (2 dc in next ch-1 sp) twice. Rep from \* twice more. 2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 12 groups of 2 dc.

**4th rnd:** SI st in next sp between 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. (2 dc in next sp between 2 groups of 2 dc) twice. \*2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. (2 dc in next sp between 2 groups of 2 dc) 3 times. Rep from \* twice more. 2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 16 groups of 2 dc.

Sizes 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only: 3rd rnd: SI st in next sp between 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. 2 dc in next ch-1 sp. \*2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. 2 dc in next ch-1 sp. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 16 groups of 2 dc.



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Size 10-12 lbs only: 4th rnd: SI st in next sp between 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. \*(2 dc in next sp between 2 groups of 2 dc.) 3 times. 2 dc in next sp between 2 dc. Rep from \* 4 times more. Join with sI st to top of ch 3. 21 groups of 2 dc.

All sizes: Next rnd: SI st in next sp between 2 groups of 2 dc. [Ch 3 (counts as dc). 1 dc] in same sp. \*2 dc in next sp between 2 groups of 2 dc. Rep from \* around. Join with sI st to top of ch 3. Rep last rnd until Hat measures approx 3½ (4-4½-5)" [9 (10-11.5-12.5) cm].

**Next rnd:** Ch 1. 1 single crochet (sc) in each dc around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

