



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:** 2 balls 9401 Elephant A, 1 ball each 9200 Baby Yellow B and 9505 Aqua D

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 1 ball 4614 Black C

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:** 5mm [H-8 US] and 6mm [J-10 US].

Yarn needle, stitch markers, polyester fiberfill

**GAUGE:** 11 hdc = 3" (7.5 cm) in pattern; 11 rows = 4" (10 cm).  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



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# Prince Bear Pillow and Hat

*Crochet your huggable little guy a Prince Bear Pillow and earflap Hat both with regal crowns on top. We know he is the center of your world and deserves to be treated royally!*

Directions for hat are for size Baby. Changes for sizes Toddler and Child are in parentheses.

Hat measures 15 (17, 19)" [38 (43, 48.5) cm] circumference at brim

Pillow measures 8" (20.5 cm) diameter

## Special Stitch

Picot = Ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from hook.

## Special Technique

**Adjustable-ring method**—Wrap yarn in a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring when instructed.

## Notes

1. Hat is worked from top down in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Earflaps are worked back and forth in rows.
3. Pillow is made of 2 sides, each worked in joined rounds. Bear features are made in separate pieces and sewn to pillow.

## HAT

Working from top down, with smaller hook and A, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 10 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of first hdc—10 hdc.

Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st here or throughout), 2 hdc in each st; join with slip st in first st—20 hdc.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, (hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—30 hdc.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—40 hdc.

**Round 5:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—50 hdc.

## Size Baby only

**Round 6:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 5 times; join with slip st in first st—55 hdc.

**Rounds 7–15:** Ch 1, hdc in each st; join with slip st in first st. Do not fasten off.

## Size Toddler only

**Round 6:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—60 hdc.

**Round 7:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 2 times; join with slip st in first st—62 hdc.

**Rounds 8–17:** Ch 1, hdc in each st; join with slip st in first st. Do not fasten off.

## Size Child only

**Round 6:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—60 hdc.

**Round 7:** Ch 1, (hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times; join with slip st in first st—70 hdc.

**Rounds 8–19:** Ch 1, hdc in each st; join with slip st in first st—70 hdc. Do not fasten off.

## All sizes

Right Earflap

**Row 1 (right side):** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), skip next st, hdc in next 7 sts, skip next st, hdc in next; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 hdc.

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**Rows 2, 4, and 6:** Ch 1, sc in each st to beginning ch, sc in top of beginning ch, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, skip next st, hdc in next 5 sts, skip next st, hdc in next, turn—7 hdc.

**Row 5:** Ch 2, skip next st, hdc in next 3 sts, skip next st, hdc in next, turn—5 hdc.

**Row 7:** Ch 2, skip next st, hdc in next st, skip next st, hdc in next, turn—3 hdc. Fasten off. With right side of hat facing, place marker in 22nd (24th, 26th) st to the left of last st in Row 1.

### Left Earflap

With smaller hook, join **A** with slip st in marked st.

Work same as Rows 1–7 of right earflap.

### Border

**Round 1:** With smaller hook and right side facing, join **A** in any st at back of hat, ch 1, sc in same st as join and in each st around, working 3 sc in end of each row of earflap; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Ears (make 2)

With smaller hook, **A**, and leaving a long tail, make an adjustable ring, ch 2.

**Row 1 (wrong side):** Work 11 dc in ring (beginning ch counts as first dc), turn—12 dc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, hdc in each st around, with wrong side facing, ch 3, slip st through center of ring—12 hdc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

### Crown

With **B**, ch 40; taking care not to twist ch, join with slip st in first ch to form ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Ch 1, sc in each ch; join with slip st in first st—40 sc. Place marker for

beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** [Slip st in next st, (sc, picot, sc) in next st] 20 times; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

**Round 3:** With right side facing, join **D** with slip st around post of any st in Round 1, slip st loosely around post of each st. Fasten off.

### FINISHING

With seam at center back, flatten hat and place stitch markers on each end of Round 7 for placement of ears. With beginning and end tails, tie each ear to marked stitch.

With **B**, whipstitch crown to Round 4.

### Braids

Cut 18 lengths of **A**, each measuring 25" (63.5 cm). Separate into 6 hanks of 3 strands each. Thread 3 hanks through last row of earflap and fold over so strands are doubled. Braid doubled hanks until 4" (10 cm) of strands remain, tie an overhand knot tightly, and trim ends evenly. Repeat with remaining hanks for other earflap. Weave in ends.

### PILLOW

**Sides (make 2: 1 in **A** and 1 in **C**)**

With larger hook and two strands yarn held together, make an adjustable loop, ch 1. Work same as Rounds 1–7 of size Child hat.

### Ears (make 2)

With larger hook, 2 strands of **A** held together, and leaving a long tail, make an adjustable ring, ch 2.

Work same as Rows 1 and 2 of ears of hat.

### Crown

With larger hook and 2 strands of **B** held together, ch 28; taking care not to twist ch,

join with slip st in first ch to form ring. Work same as Rounds 1–3 of crown of hat.

### Nose

With larger hook and **C**, make an adjustable loop, ch 2.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 11 dc in ring (beginning ch counts as first dc); join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc. Fasten off, leaving a 10" (25.5 cm) tail for sewing.

### Eye (make 2)

With larger hook and **C**, make an adjustable loop, ch 1.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 8 sc in ring; join with slip st in top of first st—8 sc. Fasten off, leaving a 10" (25.5 cm) tail for sewing.

### FINISHING

Using photograph as a guide, sew eyes and nose to side **A** of pillow.

To form mouth, join **C** with slip st to lower center edge of nose, work 4 slip sts evenly down to Round 5. Fasten off. Join **C** with slip st between Rounds 4 and 5 around 5th st from either side of vertical stitching just made; working around sts along curve of the rounds, work 9 slip sts evenly—10 slip sts. Fasten off.

### Border

With wrong sides together, larger hook, 2 strands of **A** held together, and working through both thicknesses, join yarn with slip st to left lower end of sides, ch 1, sc in same st as join and in each st around; leave 20 sts at bottom unworked.

Place marker in last stitch so it does not unravel, drop hook, and sew remaining pieces. Center crown on top of pillow over border and sew in place.

Sew ears on each side of crown.

Stuff pillow with fiberfill.

Sc in remaining sts of border; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

### ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B, C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses in same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

