

Cuddle Bug Hat

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Skill Level: Easy

Finished Size: Newborn to 3 months

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Materials:

- Size #3 Weight Yarn
- Size I or J crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- Tapestry needle

Gauge:

4 hdc = 1 inch

2 hdc rounds = 1 inch;

(sc, shell) twice and sc = 2 ½ inches

4 rounds = 1 ¾ inches

Pattern Notes:

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Chain-2 at beginning of round counts as first half double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Special Stitches:

Shells: 3 dc in indicated st.

Beginning shell (beg shell): Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as beg ch-3.

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Rnd 1 (RS): Beg at crown of Hat, ch 2, 9 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, join (see *Pattern Notes*) in first hdc. (9 hdc)

Rnd 2: Ch 2 (see *Pattern Notes*), hdc in same st as beg ch-2, 2 hdc in each rem st around, join in 2nd ch of beg ch-2. (18 hdc)

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 2. (36 hdc)



Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sk next st, **shell** (see *Special Stitches*) in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st, shell in next st] around, join in beg sc. (9 sc, 9 shells)



Rnd 5: Beg shell (see *Special Stitches*) in sc, sc in center dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in center dc of next shell] around, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, sl st in center dc.



Rnd 6: Sl st in next dc, ch 1, sc in same dc, shell in next sc, [sc in center of dc of next shell, shell in next sc] around, join in beg sc.



Rnds 7 – 17: [Rep rnds 5 and 6] 5 times. At the end of rnd 17, fasten off.

Roll brim of Hat upward approximately 1 inch.