



 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) cm].

## 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.*

**Note:** Chain (Ch) 2 at beginning (beg) of round (rnd) does not count as stitch (st).

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 2. 2 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 16 hdc.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 2. \*2 hdc in next hdc. 1 hdc in next hdc. Repeat (Rep) from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 24 hdc.

**Size 3-4 lbs only: 4th rnd:** Ch 2. \*1 hdc in each of next 3 hdc. 2 hdc in next hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 30 hdc.

**Sizes 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only: 4th rnd:** Ch 2. \*2 hdc in next hdc. 1 hdc in each of next 2 hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 32 hdc.

**Size 5-6 lbs only: 5th rnd:** Ch 2. \*1 hdc in each of next 7 hdc. 2 hdc in next hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 36 hdc.

**Sizes 7-9 and 10-12 lbs only: 5th rnd:** Ch 2. \*1 hdc in each of next 3 hdc. 2 hdc in next hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 40 hdc.

**Size 10-12 lbs only: 6th rnd:** Ch 2. \*2 hdc in next hdc. 1 hdc in each of next 3 hdc. Rep from \* around. Join with sl st to first hdc. 50 hdc.

**All sizes: Next rnd:** Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. **30 (36-40-50)** hdc. 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 hdc around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

## MATERIALS

Caron® Simply Soft® (6 oz/170.1 g; 315 yds/288 m)

**Sizes** **3-4** **5-6** **7-9** **10-12** **pounds**

Soft Blue (39712) **1** **1** **1** **1** **ball**

**Note:** 1 ball will make approx **15 (10-9-6)** Hats.

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

## ABBREVIATIONS:

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