



CROCHET
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Patriotic Baby Cocoon & Hat

Bring your little All-American baby home from the hospital in this cozy crochet cocoon and hat. The bright red and white stripes and stars on blue offer the perfect outfit for memorable photos.

Cocoon

Cocoon fits up to a 3 month old.

Cocoon measures 20" (51 cm) in circumference and 14.5" (37 cm) long

Hat

Directions are for a newborn. Changes for a 3 month old are in parenthesis.

Hat measures 12" (14") (30.5 [35.5] cm) in circumference and 5.5" (6") (14 [15] cm) tall

Special Stitches

dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

Special Technique

Adjustable Loop

With long side of yarn in the palm of your hand, wrap yarn around finger. Insert hook under the wrap, grab yarn and pull through; ch 1, release circle around finger gently, work the specified number of stitches; pull tail gently to tighten the ring.

Notes

1. Rounds are joined and worked without turning unless otherwise noted.
2. To change colors, fasten off the first color as directed and join the new color by drawing up a loop in the same stitch as the joining. Alternately, to reduce the number of ends to weave in later, work the last stitch in the first color then draw up a loop of the new color. Carry the first color inside the piece and bring it up again when needed.

COCOON

With **A**, make an Adjustable Loop, make another ch (ch-2 counts as dc here and throughout, unless otherwise noted).

Round 1 (Right Side): Work 11 dc in Loop; slip st to top of beginning ch to join—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 2, dc in same st (increase made), 2 dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—24 dc. Fasten off **A**.

Round 3: Join **B**, ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—36 dc.

Round 4: Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—48 dc. Fasten off **B**.

Round 5: Join **A**, ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 3 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 3 dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—60 dc.

Round 6: Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 4 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—72 dc. Fasten off **A**.

Rounds 7-8: Join **B**, ch 2, dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—72 dc. Fasten off **B**.

Rounds 9-10: Join **A**, ch 2, dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—72 dc. Fasten off **A**.

Rounds 11-24: Repeat sequence of Rows 7-10 three times; repeat Rows 7-8 once. At end of Round 24, fasten off **B**.

Rounds 25-26: Join **A**, ch 2, dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—72 dc.

Round 27: Ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—72 sc. Fasten off **A**; weave in ends.

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each 9925 Really Red A, 4600 White B, 9851 Royal Blue C

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] for cocoon and hat 4.0mm [US G-6] for stars

Stitch markers, yarn needle

GAUGE: With 5.5mm [I-9] hook, 18 dc = 5" [12.5 cm]; 7 rows dc = 4" [10 cm]. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles/hook to obtain the gauge given.



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

SHOP KIT

HAT

With **C**, make an Adjustable Loop, make another ch (ch-2 counts as dc here and throughout, unless otherwise noted).

Round 1 (Right Side): Work 11 dc in Loop; slip st to top of beginning ch to join—12 dc.

Round 2: Ch 2, dc in same st (increase made), 2 dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—24 dc.

Round 3: Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—36 dc.

12" (30.5 cm) Circumference Only

Round 4: Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 5 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 5 dc] 5 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—42 dc.

Rounds 5-9: Ch 2, dc in each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join – 42 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Earflap.

14" (35.5 cm) Circumference Only

Round 4: Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 2 dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc] 11 times; slip st in top of beginning ch to join—48 dc.

Rounds 5-10: Ch 2, dc into each dc around; slip st in top of beginning ch to join – 48 dc. Do not fasten off; continue to make Right Earflap.

Right Earflap

Row 1: Ch 2, dc2tog, dc in next 3 dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc; ch 1, turn—7 sts.

Row 2: Sc in each st across; ch 2, turn—7 sc.

Row 3: Dc2tog, dc in next sc, dc2tog, dc in last sc—5 sts. Fasten off; weave in ends.

Note for sizes 12" and 14" (30.5 cm) and (35.5 cm): With Right Earflap facing and Hat seam to the right, place a stitch marker 18 (20) stitches to the left of the last stitch of the Earflap.

Left Earflap

With Right Side facing, draw up a loop of **A** in marked stitch; repeat Rows 1-3 for Right Earflap.

Border

Round 1: With Right Side facing, draw up a loop of **C** in center back of hat, ch 1; sc evenly around, working 3 sc into the side of each dc row of Earflaps; slip st to join. Fasten off **C**.

Round 2: Join **B**, ch 1, sc in each sc around; slip st to join. Fasten off; weave in ends.

Braids (Make 2)

Cut 3 strands of each color measuring 28" (71 cm) each and separate each color into bundles. Referring to photograph for placement, evenly attach bundles between stitches on last round of Earflap. Braid strands together until 4" (10 cm) of fringe remains, knot to fasten, trim ends evenly.

Star (Make 3)

With **B**, make an Adjustable Loop, make another ch (ch-2 counts as hdc).

Round 1: Work 9 hdc in Loop; slip st to top of beginning ch to join—10 hdc.

Round 2: [Ch 5, slip st into second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, skip last ch and one st from Round 1, slip st in next st] 4 times—5 points. Fasten off; weave in ends.

Finishing

Referring to photograph for placement, sew Stars onto Hat.

ABBREVIATIONS

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

