



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
EASY

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## Panda Baby Hat

*Every best-dressed baby needs a wardrobe of cute crocheted hats, and this one is over the top cute! Perfect to make while waiting for baby or to make and give at the next baby shower.*

### What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:  
1 skein each 316 Soft White A  
and 312 Black B

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:  
5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, 4 stitch markers, two  
¾" (19 mm) white buttons

**GAUGE:** 13 sts = 4" (10 cm); 7½  
rounds = 4" (10 cm) in double  
crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use  
any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Super  
Saver®, Art. E300  
available in solid color  
7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); prints,  
multicolor and heather 5 oz (141 g),  
236 yds (215 m), flecks 5 oz  
(141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size **Small**. Changes for  
sizes **Medium** and **Large** are in parentheses.

Hat measures 16 (18, 20)" [40.5 (45.5, 51) cm]  
circumference at brim.

### 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, working over both strands  
(the tail and the ring). After the first round of  
stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on  
tail to tighten ring.

**Join with sc** = Place a slip knot on hook,  
insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and  
draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through  
both loops on hook.

### Notes

1. Hat is made in joined rounds with earflaps  
worked back and forth in rows.
2. Panda's facial features are made separately  
and sewn to front of hat.
3. Chain 1 at the beginning of a round or row  
does not count as a stitch.

### HAT

With **A**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 12 hdc in ring; join  
with slip st in first st—12 hdc. Pull gently, but  
firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around; join  
with slip st in first st—24 hdc.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, dc in first st, 2 dc in next st,  
[dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] 11 times; join  
with slip st in first st—36 dc.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, dc in first 2 sts, 2 dc in next st,  
[dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 11 times; join  
with slip st in first st—48 dc.

**Round 5:** Ch 1, dc in first 7 (3, 3) sts, 2 dc in  
next st, [dc in next 7 (3, 3) sts, 2 dc in next  
st] 5 (11, 11) times; join with slip st in first  
st—54 (60, 60) dc.

### Sizes Small and Medium only

**Rounds 6–10 (11):** Ch 1, dc in each st around;  
change to **B**; join with slip st in first st.

**Rounds 11 (12) and 12 (13):** Ch 1, dc in each  
st around; join with slip st in first st.  
Do not fasten off.

### Size Large only

**Round 6:** Ch 1, dc in first 9 sts, 2 dc in next st,  
[dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times; join  
with slip st in first st—66 dc.

**Rounds 7–12:** Ch 1, dc in each st around;  
change to **B**; join with slip st in first st.

**Rounds 13 and 14:** Ch 1, dc in each st  
around; join with slip st in first st.  
Do not fasten off.

### Right Earflap

**Row 1:** Ch 2 (counts as first dc here and  
throughout), skip next st, dc in next 5 sts,  
skip next st, dc in next st; leave remaining sts  
unworked, turn—7 dc.

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

**Row 3:** Ch 2, skip next st, dc in next st, skip  
next st, dc in last st, turn—3 dc. Fasten off.

With right side of right earflap facing and back  
seam to the right, count to the left from earflap  
and place marker on 25th (29th, 33rd) st.

### Left Earflap

With right side facing, join **B** with slip st in  
marked st and work same as right earflap.

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## Edging

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **B** with sc in any st at center back between earflaps, sc in each st around and working 3 sc in end of each row; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

## Ears (make 2)

With **B**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1 (right side):** Work 10 hdc in ring; join with slip st in first st—10 hdc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, hdc in first st, 2 hdc in next st, [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st] 4 times; join with slip st in first st—15 hdc.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, hdc in each st around; join with slip st in first st.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first st—15 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

With front facing, flatten hat and place stitch markers at Rounds 2 and 4 on each side of hat. Flatten each ear and sew between markers.

## Nose

With **B**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Work 10 hdc in ring; join with slip st in first st—10 hdc. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

With front of hat facing and using photograph as a guide for placement, center nose where desired in **A**-colored section and sew in place.

## Eyes (make 2)

With **B**, ch 7.

**Round 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 ch, 5 hdc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first 5 ch, 2 sc in last ch, join with slip st in first st—17 sts.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last 2 sts, join with slip st in first st—25 sts. Fasten off.

With front of hat facing and using photograph as a guide for placement, position eyes on either side of nose, turning one piece to opposite side, and sew in place. Sew buttons to eyes with a strand of **B** if contrast stitching is desired.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

## Braids (make 2)

Cut nine 28" (71 cm) strands of **B**. Separate into 3 hanks of 3 strands each. Thread each hank 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.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A, B** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

