BASIC CROCHETED BABY HAT

Use sized F crochet hook and either sport or baby weight yarn. All rows are worked in the back loop only (BLO) to create the rib effect. Chain 35 stitches. SC in second ch from hook and in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn.

Remaining rows: SC in BLO of each stitch, ch and turn. Continue pattern for 56 rows. Fasten off leaving a two foot tail. Thread this through a tapestry needle. Weave in end of stitches, joining sides of for 1 and the last row. Now continue to weave around the top, pulling tightly and whip stitching to firmly secure the crown. Add a pom pom or bow.

BASIC KNITTED BABY HAT

Use 4 ply washable yarn and size 6 needles. Cast on the appropriate number of stitches for the size you want to knit. Rib in k1, p1 for 1!. In stockinette, knit to the size needed. Draw all stitches together tightly at the top by weaving yarn through all stitches. Knot securely. Add pom pom.

Full Term: Cast on 66 stitches.

Stockinette 5" to 5.5"

Total length 6" to 6.5"

Large Preemie:

Cast on 50 stitches.

Stockinette 3.5" to 4"

Total length 4.5" to 5"

Small Preemie:

Cast on 40 stitches

Stockinette 2.5" to 3"

Total length 3.5" to 4"

Save these patterns. We will be using them every year, when we make the baby quilts and matching hats as our public service project. If you make a quilt, perhaps you might want to also knit or crochet a matching hat!

A good mother is like a quilt. She keeps her children warm, but doesn't smother them.

