

Quick Preemie Hat

These instructions give the number of stitches and dimensions for a preemie cap in 3 sizes: Medium (MD), Large (LG) and X-Large (XL). The instructions show a number followed by 4 numbers in parenthesis corresponding to the sizes MD, (LG, XL).

Materials needed:

- * Approximately æ to 1 oz. baby or sport weight yarn
- * Crochet hook size F (Increase or decrease your hook size if you crochet tightly or loosely.)
- * Blunt end yarn needle

Gauge:

The length of the rows will vary slightly depending on the yarn you use and your tension. The amount turned up for the brim can vary to accommodate these differences. The following chart gives some guidelines.

Cap size	Length of row
MD	6 to 6 1/2 inches
LG	6 1/2 to 7 inches
XL	7 1/2 to 8 inches this one is 6-8" length (with out a roll back brim) with a 7-9" width before sewing up the seam or circumference after sewn.

Instructions:

All rows are worked in the back loop only to create the ribbed effect.

Chain 30 (33, 36).

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd chain from hook and in next 23 (26, 29) chains. Sc in last 4 (4, 4) chains. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in first 4 (4, 4) stitches. Hdc in next 24 (27, 30) stitches. Ch 2 turn.

Row 3: Hdc in first 24 (27, 30) stitches. Sc in last 4 (4, 4) stitches. Ch 1 turn.

Note: Turning chains are not counted as a stitch. You should work 28 (31, 34) stitches in each row.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until cap measures approximately 7 (8 ½ , 9½) inches. End with row 2.

Finishing

Either sew or slip stitch the beginning edge to the back loop of the last row, being careful to leave the front loops of the last row free on the outside of the cap so that the ribbed pattern is continuous around the cap.

Use yarn needle to weave a piece of yarn through the sc stitches at the top of the cap. (For extra security, I like to weave the yarn around the top twice.) Pull to close the opening and tie off. Weave all yarn ends in securely.

Turn up the lower edge to form the brim of the cap.