Front and Back Post Baby Cap

Abbreviations:

BPDC – Back Post DC:
   This is done like any other double crochet EXCEPT that you'll be working around the post of the DC, UP through the space between the DCs from back to front, around the back and then back down to the back of your work, rather than into the loops at the top of it.
   If not familiar with the FPDC and BPDC, watch the video at this link:
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S42_486HrEU

DC – Double Crochet

FPDC – Front Post DC:
   This is done like any other double crochet EXCEPT that you'll be working around the post of the DC, down through the space between the DCs from front to back of your work, around the behind it and then back up, rather than into the loops at the top of it.

Sl St – Slip Stitch

Use baby yarn and a G Hook

1. Chain 4, join in 3rd chain from hook with a slip stitch to make a ring
2. Chain 3, work 14 DC in center, join at top of chain 3 with a Sl St.
3. Chain 3 does not count as first stitch. Starting in first DC alternate FPDC and BPDC around. Join at the top of chain 3 with a Sl st. Chain 3.
4. Increase one stitch in each stitch around. (Do 2 FPDCs in each FPDC, and 2 BPDCs in each BPDC worked in the previous round.) Join at top of chain 3 with a Sl St. This will be the only time we will increase in the BPDC.
5. Chain 3. Increase one stitch in each FPDC stitch and work each BPDC (with NO increase) around. Join at top of chain 3 with a Sl St.
6. Chain 3. Increase one stitch in the first FPDC , work two FPDCs with NO increase, and increase one stitch in the next FPDC. Work the next two BPDCs even. Continue around in like manner. Join in the top of chain 3 with a Sl St. This is the final increase row for the baby hat. (6 FPDCs, 2 BPDCs around)
7. Chain 3. Work FPDC or BPDC around until the hat is between 4 to 5-1/2 inches.
8. Directions are for small (newborn to 3-month size) cap. To make larger, make increases in the outer stitches of each FPDC section (as in step 6) to the desired width for the top of the hat, and then work step 7 above until desired length is reached.