



Shell Pixie Bonnet

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This lovely little bonnet is created using a very simple format and perfect for a beginner to practice the shell stitch. Basically, one crochets a rectangle of shell stitch rows, then folds the rectangle in half and sews up one side then adds ties. The best part about this bonnet is that the finished product looks much more complicated than it is to actually produce.

Gauge: Size:

2" = 9 stitches x 10 rows in single crochet

Newborn – 3 months

Materials:

60 – 70 yards (55 – 65 meters) worsted weight yarn

H/8 (5.00 mm) Hook

Yarn Needle

Abbreviations:

CH = Chain SC = Single Crochet

ST = Stitch YO = Yarn Over

Pattern:

Row 1: With a tail 12" long, CH 50, SC in the 2nd ch from the hook, *SK 2ch, 5DC in the next ch, SK 2ch, SC in the next ch, repeat from * 7 more times (8 shells)

Row 2: CH3 (counts as the 1st dc), 2DC in the 1st sc, SK 2dc, SC in the next st, *SK 2dc, 5DC in the next st, SK 2dc, SC in the next st, repeat from * 6 more times, SK 2DC, 3Dc in the next st

Row 3: CH 1, SC in the 1st st, *SK 2dc, 5 DC in the next st, SK 2dc, SC in the next st, repeat from * 7 more times

Rows 4 – 15: Repeat rows 2 & 3

Finishing: Fold the bonnet in half so the short sides meet and seam up the chain side with the 12" tail, fasten off and weave in ends. To make the ties, CH 40, SC in one of the corners of the hat, then SC along the bottom of the hat, CH 41, turn, SC in the 2nd ch from the hook, then across the remaining chs, SC along the bottom of the hat, SC along the original chs, fasten off. Weave in ends.



