

## Top Notch Hat by Marla Potter

Supplies needed: ½ to 1 oz of baby sport yarn, depending on size of hat (for newborn or larger you may use sport or worsted weight and a size G hook if you wish – don't worry too much about exact sizes, babies come in all sizes!!) Models made with Red Heart Soft Baby and Caron Cuddlesoft.

F hook

Chain:

26 for extra small preemie hat

36 for small preemie hat

46 for a med. preemie hat

40 (with a G hook and sport yarn) for a large preemie/small newborn

45 (with a G hook and sport or worsted weight) for a newborn

45 (with a H hook and sport worsted weight) for 0-3 mos

Row 1: Dc in 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across. Chain 2, turn.

Row 2: Dc in 2nd dc from hook (chain 2 counts as first double crochet here and throughout) and in each stitch across, ch 2, turn.

Repeat row 2 until you have 13 rows for extra small preemie size

14 rows for small preemie size

14 rows for med. preemie size

18 rows for large preemie/small newborn

18 rows for newborn size

To finish: fold vertically (as you would a piece of bread for a half sandwich, so that the short ends are at the top and bottom)

Take a piece of coordinating or matching yarn and weave through the stitches 5 (or 6 for the larger sizes) rows from the top, pull tight to gather and tie in a bow. Turn up first couple of rows of brim on bottom.

You can vary the hook size, starting chain size and yarn size to make almost any size- just make sure they have enough height to fit the size baby you are making it for. Refer to Newborns in Need's Preemie Sizing chart for head sizes. Scraps of baby colors are very cute for this project- especially if you do the brim and top notch in different colors than the rest of the hat!

