



FLOWER HAT/PHOTO PROP



Turn your baby into a gorgeous little flower for a photo shoot. This oh-so-sweet hat is generously sized to fit a whole range of babies from 0-3 months.

Materials: Approximately 75g of double knit (8 ply) main colour and 25g of double knit (8ply) contrast colour.

Tools: 3.50mm (E) hook and a wool needle for finishing.

Gauge: 4 stitches and 3 rows = 2.5cm/1" (trebles).

Instructions use UK abbreviations. The table below outlines those used and their US equivalent where applicable.

UK abbreviation	UK term	US equivalent	US abbreviation
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	single crochet	sc
fptr	front post treble	front post double crochet	fpdc
htr	half treble	half double crochet	hdc
sp	space		
ss	slip stitch	slip stitch	sl st
st	stitch		
tr	treble	double crochet	dc

Special Stitches/Methods



fptr: work the treble as usual but insert the hook from front to back **around the stem** of the stitch (right to left) instead of into the top of the stitch.

Spaced treble stitch: work the treble as usual but insert the hook into the space between the trebles instead of into the top of the stitch.



INSTRUCTIONS:

Foundation: 4ch, ss into first chain to form a ring or use a magic ring if you prefer.

Rnd 1: 3ch (counts as first treble in this and each of the following rounds), 13tr into ring, ss to 3rd of 3ch to form a circle (14sts).

Rnd 2: 3ch, (fptr round next st, 1tr either side of next st) 6 times, fptr round next st, 1tr before next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (21sts).

Note: You now have a circle with 7 front post trebles, each separated by two trebles.

In the rows that follow, the front post trebles will remain lined up while the number of trebles between these posts will increase.

Working in the space between the trebles, instead of into the top, will result in a neater and more even increase (see spaced treble stitch in the introduction).

Rnd 3: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, work 3tr evenly before next fptr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 2tr evenly before 3ch, ss to 3rd of 3ch (28sts).

Rnd 4: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, work 4tr evenly before next fptr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 3tr evenly before 3ch, ss into 3rd of 3ch (35sts).

Rnd 5: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, work 5tr evenly before next fptr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 4tr evenly before 3ch, ss into 3rd of 3ch (42 sts).

Rnd 6: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, work 6tr evenly before next fptr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 5tr evenly before 3ch, ss into 3rd of 3ch (49 sts).

Rnd 7: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, work 7tr evenly before next fptr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 6tr evenly before 3ch, ss into 3rd of 3ch (56 sts).

Note: The work will have a gentle curve to it, although it should still be possible to flatten it out. The diameter, at this point, will be ~13 cm (5").

Rnd 8: 3ch, (fptr round fptr, 1tr into each of next 7tr) 6 times, fptr round fptr, 1tr into each of next 6 sts, ss into 3rd of 3ch (56 sts).

Rnd 9-11: As rnd 8.

Rnd 12: 2ch (counts as 1htr), fptr round fptr, 1tr into each of next 7 st, fptr round fptr, 1htr into next st, 1dc into each of next 21 st, 1htr into next st, fptr round fptr, 1tr into each of next 7 sts, fptr round fptr, 1htr into next st, 1dc into each of next 13 sts, ss into 2nd of 2ch (56 sts).

Rnd 13: As rnd 13.

Rnd 14: 4ch (counts as 1tr + 1ch), miss next st, *1tr in next st, 1ch, miss next st, rep from * to end, ss to 3rd of 4ch (56sts including ch).

Rnd 15: 3ch, 2tr into next ch-1 sp, 3tr around vertical stem of next st, *3tr into next ch-1 sp, 3tr around stem of next st as before, rep from * to end, ss to 3rd of 3ch, fasten off and neaten ends. Use your fingers to shape the fluting if necessary.

Wear with the widest slope framing the face and the narrow slope to the nape of the neck.

Calyx Trim - optional

In contrast colour, 3ch

Rnd 1: Work 4tr into 3rd chain from hook, ss to 3rd of 3ch (5sts). Allow work to roll up like a trumpet.

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1 tr into next 4 sts, ss to 3rd of 3ch (5sts).

Rnd 3: 3ch, [fptr round next tr, 1tr into sp before next tr] 4 times, fptr round next tr, ss to 3rd of 3ch (10sts).

Rnd 4: 3ch, [fptr round fptr, 1tr into sp either side of next tr] 4 times, fptr round fptr, 1tr into sp before 3ch, ss to 3rd of 3ch (15st)

Rnd 5: 3ch [fptr round fptr, work 3 tr evenly before next fptr] 4 times, fptr round fptr, 1tr into sp either side of next tr, ss to 3rd of 3ch (20st)

Rnd 6: 3ch, [fptr round fptr, work 4tr evenly before next fptr] 4 times, fptr round fptr, work 3tr evenly before 3ch, ss into 3rd of 3ch (25st)

Rnd 7: ss to fptr, [miss 2tr, 7tr into sp before next treble, ss to fptr] 5 times, ss to fptr, fasten off.

Attach to hat and weave in loose ends.