

# Adventure Baby!

## Newborn Aviator Hat

### Crochet Pattern

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**Notes:**

The finished size of this hat is intended for a newborn 0-6 months. The circumference of the hat is 14-15 inches and can stretch another inch or so. A larger hook will give you a slightly larger hat without changing the pattern.

Most of the hat is worked in a spiral in one piece.

**Skill Level:** Easy

**Supplies:**

**Hook Size:** G 4.0mm

**Suggested Yarn:**

1 ball I Love This Yarn! High Sierra Stripe (worsted weight)

1 ball Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Beige (worsted weight)

**Other Supplies:** Yarn needle to attach front flap to hat body OR buttons and darning needle (optional)

**Gauge:**

3.5 HDCs and 3 rows = 1 inch square

**Abbreviations:**

Ch	= Chain
SC	= Single Crochet
HDC	= Half Double Crochet
HDC2tog	= Half Double Crochet together
Sl St	= Slip Stitch
St	= Stitch

## Hat Body:

The hat body and the first earflap will all be one piece. Do not break the yarn until the instructions say to do so. This is worked in a spiral, so the first stitch of each new row will be on top of the first stitch of the last row. I used the striped yarn for these pieces.

- (1) Ch 2, HDC 6x in second Ch
- (2) 2 HDC in each St (12 st)
- (3) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in next, repeat around (18 st)
- (4) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in next, repeat around (27 st)
- (5) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in each of next 2 st, repeat around (36 st)
- (6) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in each of next 5 st, repeat around (42 st)
- (7-9) HDC around (42 st)
- (10) 2HDC in first st, HDC in next 6 st, repeat around (48 st)
- (11-15) HDC around (48 St)
- (16) 2HDC in first st, 1 HDC in each of next 11 st, repeat around (52 st)
- (17) HDC around (52 st)

## First Ear flap:

The first row is actually adding an extra row along the back of the hat, but it will then transition right into the ear flap. Start from the last stitch of the hat body without breaking the yarn first. For each row, the first Ch 2 will be considered the first stitch of the row.

- (1) Ch 2, then turn to go the opposite direction of the hat spiral. 1 HDC into the next 37 st (38 st)
  - (2) Ch 2, then turn and 1 HDC into the next 10 st (11 st)
  - (3) Ch 2, then turn and 1 HDC into the next 10 st (11 st)
  - (4) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 8 st. HDC2tog (10 st)
  - (5) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 6 st. HDC2tog (8 st)
  - (6) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 4 st. HDC2tog. (6 st)
- Tie off and break the yarn. Weave in the end.

## Second Ear flap:

The second ear flap is a separate piece from the hat body. Use the same yarn as you used for the hat body and other ear flap. As before, the Ch 2 will be the first stitch of each row.

In the previous step, you created a higher row along the back of the hat. Counting along the start of the higher row (across the hat from your first ear flap), join the yarn into the 11<sup>th</sup> stitch. This is where the second ear flap will begin, working first towards the end of the higher row.

- (1) Ch 2, then 1 HDC into the next 10 st (11 st)
  - (2) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 8 st. HDC2tog (10 st)
  - (3) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 6 st. HDC2tog (8 st)
  - (4) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 4 st. HDC2tog (6 st)
- Tie off and break the yarn. Weave in the end.

## Hat Body Trim:

Using a contrasting color, create a trim around the bottom edge of the hat. To do this, hold the hat with the front part facing you. Where the right flap meets the front of the hat body, join the contrasting colored yarn. Moving along the ear flap towards the back of the hat, SC around the edge until you meet where the first stitch of the left ear flap meets the front of the hat body. Do not break the yarn yet as this will transition right into the front flap.

## Front Flap:

The first stitch of the front flap will actually begin in the stitch where the left ear flap meets the front of the hat body. From this stitch to the first stitch of the right ear flap should be 16 stitches. For the first row of the front flap, only stitch into the front loop of each of the hat body stitches. This will make it easier to fold up.

- (1) 1 HDC into each st, use front loop only (16 st)
  - (2-4) Ch 2, then turn and 1 HDC into next 15 st (16 st)
  - (5) Ch 2, then turn and skip the first st. 1 HDC into the next 13 st. HDC2tog (15 st)
  - (6) Ch 1, then turn and skip the first st. 1 SC into the next 12 st. Sl St (14 st)
- Tie off and break the yarn. Weave in the end into the back of the flap.

## **Finishing the Front Flap:**

To minimize choking hazards on the hat, I opted to finish the flap with a couple of yarn stitches instead of buttons. About one row from the top and two stitches from the side of each end of the flap, I stitched an "X" using the same yarn from the hat body. Using a darning needle and thread, a button could be added to each spot instead.

## **Voila! You're done!**

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