

Joshua's Little Buddies

Anencephaly Hat Crochet Pattern



Worsted weight yarn
Size H (5.0) hook

TO BEGIN: Begin by forming a magic ring. Ch 1, then 7sc into magic ring. Pull loose yarn tail to tighten into a circle. Join w/ sl st to first sc. (7sc)

(If you are unfamiliar with the magic ring technique, Google “magic ring tutorial” or watch some YouTube demonstrations—there are a bunch!)

Round 1: Ch 2. 2 dc in same st. 2 dc in each of remaining 6 dcs. Join with sl st to first dc. (14 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 2. 2 dc in same st, 1 dc in next dc. Repeat (2 dc, 1 dc in next st) around. Join with sl st to first dc. (21 dc)

Rnd 3: C2. 2 dc in same st. 1 dc in next 2 sts. Repeat (2 dc, 1dc in next 2 sts) around. Join with sl st to first dc. (28 dc)

(This is where you stop increasing for the smallest size hat, and where the pattern changes for the medium and large hats. Follow the rest of the instructions based on what size you are making.)

MEDIUM HAT:

Rnd 4: For this round, you will be using SC instead of dc. The purpose of this round is to increase the depth of the hat by only 1/2 of one normal dc round.

Ch 1. 2 sc in same st, 1 sc in next 7 sts. Repeat (2 sc, 1 sc in next 7 sc) THREE times. End with (2 sc, 1 sc in last 3 sts). Join with sl st to first dc. (32 sc)

Rnd 5: Back to using dcs. Ch 2. Dc in each st around. Join with sl st to first dc. (32 dc)

Rnd 6: Finishing round. Use sc instead of dc. Ch 1, SC in each st around. Join with sl st and finish off. Weave in ends. (32 dc)

LARGE HAT:

Rnd 4: Ch 2. 2 dc in same st, 1 dc in next 3 sts. Repeat (2 dc, 1 dc in next 3 scs) around. Join with sl st. (35 dc)

Rnd 5: Ch 2. 1 dc in each st around. Join with sl st. (35 dc)

Rnd 6: Finishing round. Use sc. Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around to end. Join with sl st, finish off, weave in ends.

SMALL HAT:

Rnd 4-: Ch 2. 1 dc in same st, and 1 dc in each remaining st. Join with sl st to first dc. (28 dc)

Rnd 5: Finishing round. Use SC instead of dc. Ch 1. 1 sc in each dc around. Join with sl st. Finish off and weave in ends.

FINAL MEASUREMENTS OF EACH HAT, taken with hats flat on the floor:

SMALL: 2.25" deep (from crown to bottom of brim), 3.75" at widest point from side to side at brim)

MEDIUM: 2.5" deep, just over 4.25" wide

LARGE: 2.75" deep, just over 4.5" wide

FOR BRAIDED TASSELS:

For each hat, cut 6 approximately 30" lengths of yarn. (You will use 3 for each braid). Fold 3 lengths in half together and braid, using something (I use a clothes pin) to keep a small opening at the top of the braid. I sit on the couch or floor and hold the clothes pin together with my heels, which gives me the tension I need to make a nice, tight braid. Pardon my feet in these pictures—why did it not occur to me to at least wear socks?? Attach braids to each hat as shown, using your crochet hook.

