

## CROCHETED BABY HATS

Baby hats are included in GHM's Newborn Kits. These kits help Lutheran mission hospitals and community health workers reach out to women for prenatal care and well-baby checks. Baby hats are also sent to mission hospitals for their youngest pediatric patients and as gifts for new moms to help them care for their babies.

Note: The circumference of a newborn baby's head is approximately 14 inches. As a guide, purchase a 5-inch Styrofoam ball at a craft store. The hat should fit comfortably on the ball. Suggested yarns: Bernat's Softee Baby, any light color; Red Heart Baby Soft, White Twinkle or any light color; Lion Brand Twinkle

## **Crocheted Baby Hat:**

Hook size: G (smaller or larger depending on how tightly you crochet)

Six double crochets equal 1 inch.

Finished Size: Cap length measures approximately 5½ inches

**Row 1**: ch 4, slp st in starting ch, ch 3 (counts as first dc), 9 dc in circle, join with slp st into beginning chain 3. 10 dc.

**Row 2**: ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first dc and in each dc around. Join with slp st to first sc. 20 sc.

**Row 3**: Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn; dc in next 3 sc, 2 dc in next sc, \*dc in next 4 sc, 2 dc in next sc; repeat from \* around; join with slp st to first dc. 24 dc.

**Row 4**: Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, sc in next dc, \*2 sc in next dc, sc in next dc, repeat from \* around, join with slip st to first sc. 36 sc.

**Row 5**: Ch 3, turn; dc in first sc and in each sc around, join with slp st to first dc.

**Row 6**: Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc, sc in next dc, \*2 sc in next dc, sc in next dc, repeat from\* around, join with slp st to first sc. - 54 sc. This is your last increase.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn; dc in first sc and in each-sc around; join with slp st to first dc.

Row 8: Ch 1, turn; sc in first dc and in each dc around; join with slp st to first sc.

Row 9 thru 18: Repeat Rows 7 and 8 for pattern, keeping each round at 54 stitches

Optional Edging: Row 19: (shell stitch) chn 1, sc cr in same space, \*skip 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from \*, ending with sc in last sc, slp stitch to beginning sc, cut thread and fasten (9 shells total)

