

NICU Crochet Hat:

**Preemie size F Hooks for small preemies** (Canada and UK size 9)

**Newborn size G or H Hook** (Canada and UK size 8 or 7)

*With G Hook measures: 13" around at base, 4 3/4" tall*

1 oz of Caron Simply Soft Yarn (UK - a soft 10 ply or 8 ply)



### **Top of hat**

Ch 2

**Rnd 1:** Make 15 dc into the 2nd ch from the hook, join with sl st into top of first dc.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2 (counts as a dc), dc into same st, \*dc in next st, 2 dc in next st. Repeat from \* around, including in the very first stitch base, and join with sl st **in the top of the first stitch.** (23 sts)

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2, dc into next st, \*2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts. Repeat from \* around and join with sl st. (30 sts)

**Rnd 4: (Preemie size)** Ch 2, dc in each st and join with sl st. **Rnd 5-8** Repeat rnd 4.

### **For lg preemie or newborn size:**

**Rnd 4:** Ch 2, dc into next st, \*2 dc in next st, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts. Repeat from \* around and join with sl st. (37 sts)

**Rnd 5:** Ch 2. Dc in each st and join with sl st. **Rnd 6-9:** Repeat rnd 5.

### **Final Round for Brim**

Ch 2, dc into front post of the dc below, then dc into back post of the next dc below. Keep alternating fp and bp around. Join.

You can add a pom-pom and a ribbon woven through the brim row, or leave the hat bare. Both look cute!

You can also vary the size of preemie hat just by using the f hook with the newborn instructions, or doing fewer sts at the top, adding more sts to make it larger. Play around with this and have fun.