

Rain Hat (Sou'wester)

Size 3-6 months

Materials Needed:

Worsted weight yarn in color of choice (I used Caron Simply Soft – Sunshine)
Size H hook (5.00mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Abbreviations used:

Ch: chain

St: stitch

Sl st: slip stitch

Dc: double crochet

Hdc: half double crochet

* to * : repeat instructions to end of row

Gauge:

After finishing round 3, your circle should measure 3 inches across.

When finished with the top portion, circumference unstretched is 14 inches. Will fit 15 to 15.5 inch head.

Pattern Notes: At the beginning of every round, ch 2. **This ch 2 does not count as a double crochet.**

When you get to the end of the round, be sure to slip stitch in the actual dc made, not the ch 2. You will not work in a continuous spiral. **You will sl st to join.**

Top portion

(1st dc of each round will be in same stitch as ch 2)

Row 1: Using magic loop, ch 2 (does not count as double crochet here or throughout), 10 dc in ring.

Row 2: Ch 2, *2 dc in each stitch* (20)

Row 3: Ch 2, *1 dc in same st, 2 dc in next st* (30)

Row 4: Ch 2, *1 dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st* (40)

Row 5: Ch 2, *1 dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st* (50)

Row6-11: Ch 2, 1 dc in each st (50)

Your hat should now be approximately 5.5 inches from the crown to the brim. We will now work the lower, bell shape of the hat.



Lower Portion

Row 12: ch 1, *1 hdc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next* (60)

Row 13: ch 1, *1 hdc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next* (75)

Row 14: ch 1, 1 hdc in each st (75)

Row 15: ch 1 *1 hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st* to last 5 sts. 1 hdc in next 4, 2 hdc in last st (86)

Row 16: ch 1 *1 hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st* to last 6 sts. 1 hdc in next 5, 2 hdc in last st (97)

Row 17: ch 1, 1 hdc in each stitch (97)

Finish off. Weave in ends. Fold up the front of brim as pictured. If you prefer, you can tack the brim to the hat to keep the fold permanently up. Enjoy!

