FREE Baby Panda Hat: Newborn & Infant

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These crocheted panda baby hats are adorable, quick and easy to make. Crocheted with two strands at once, they can usually be made in one sitting. Perfect for an expected arrival or a last minute gift, this is one special hat that will be a (panda) bear to make!

Skill Level: Easy ✔ ✔ ✔ ✔
Yarn Craft: Crochet
Project Type: Hat
Size: Babies Up To 12 Months

Supplies:
Yarn: Medium worsted weight yarn
(Red Heart pictured)
Black – 1 skein
White – 1 skein
Hook: L / 11 / 8.00mm (for hat, ears, snout and eye spots)
H / 8 / 5.00mm (for nose)
Needle: Yarn needle to sew
Stuffing: Stuffing for snout

Notes:
These patterns call for:
- Crochet in the round from the top down.
- Crochet holding two strands of yarn at once (you could also: 1) use a single strand of bulky yarn or 2) use one strand of medium worsted weight yarn and one strand of fun fur).
- Sewing. The ears, eye spots, nose and snout are all crocheted separately and sewn on.
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Abbreviations:
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dc inc = double crochet increase; two double crochets in same stitch
hdc = half double crochet
hdc inc = half double crochet increase; two half double crochets in same stitch
Rnd = round
sc = single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
St = stitch
** = repeat the information between the asterisks a specified number of times

***This pattern has not been tested. Please send corrections to Yarnovations.com

About the Giant Panda Bear

The Giant Panda is a native of China and is an endangered species. It is easily identified by the black patches around the eyes, black ears, legs and shoulders. At birth, the panda cub weighs 4 to 7 ounces and is only 6 to 7 inches long! Fully grown, the panda's average weight is 220 to 250 pounds. Its diet consists primarily of bamboo which is low in nutrients. Therefore, the panda eats up to 20 to 30 pounds of bamboo and deficates up to 40 times a day!

Baby Panda Hat: Newborn (0 to 6 months)

HAT INSTRUCTIONS
Hook size: L
White yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
❑ **Ch 2**
❑ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in second ch from hook. Join with a sl st. (6)
❑ **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, count as first hdc. Hdc in third st from hook. 2 hdc in each st around. Join with a sl st. (12)
❑ **Rnd 3:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, dc* 8 times, dc inc. Join with a sl st.(18)
❑ **Rnd 4:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, 2 dc* seven times. Dc inc, dc. Join with a sl st. (24)
❑ **Rnd 5:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, 3 dc* seven times. Dc inc, 2 dc. Join with a sl st. (30)
❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ **Rnd 6-9:** Ch 3. Dc around. Join with a sl st. (36)
Additional rounds may be added for length.

Baby Panda Hat: Infant (6 to 12 months)

HAT INSTRUCTIONS
Hook size: L
White yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
❑ **Ch 2**
❑ **Rnd 1:** 8 sc in second ch from hook. Join with a sl st. (8)
❑ **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, count as first dc. Dc in fourth st from hook. 2 dc in each st around. Join with a sl st. (16)
❑ **Rnd 3:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, dc* 8 times, dc inc. Join with a sl st.(24)
❑ **Rnd 4:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, 2 dc* seven times. Dc inc, dc. Join with a sl st. (32)
❑ **Rnd 5:** Ch 3. *Dc inc, 3 dc* seven times. Dc inc, 2 dc. Join with a sl st. (40)
❑ ❑ ❑ ❑ **Rnd 6-9:** Ch 3. Dc around. Join with a sl st. (40)
Additional rounds may be added for more length.

The ears, snot, nose & eye patches are the same for both hat sizes.
Please follow the instructions below for either hat.

EAR INSTRUCTIONS (Make 2)
Hook size: L
Black yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
❑ **Ch 2**
❑ **Rnd 1:** 8 sc in second ch from hook. (8)
❑ **Rnd 2:** Sc inc around. (16)
❑ ❑ ❑ **Rnd 3-5:** Sc around. (16)
❑ *Sew ears to the top of the hat.*

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Baby Panda Hat (continued)

SNOUT INSTRUCTIONS
Hook size: L
White yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
- ❑ **Ch 7**
- ❑ **Rnd 1:** Sc in second ch from hook, 5 sc. (6)
- ❑ ❑ **Rnd 2-3:** Ch 1, turn. 6 sc. (6)
- ❑ **Rnd 4:** Ch 1, turn. Sc dec, 2 sc, sc dec. (4)
- ❑ **Rnd 5:** Ch 1, turn. Sc dec twice. (2)
- ❑ ❑ **Rnd 6-7:** Sc around the outside edge, along the ends and top and bottom of the snout. Finish off. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing.
- ❑ *Fill with stuffing; sew along the brim of the hat.*

NOSE INSTRUCTIONS
Hook size: H
Black yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
- ❑ **Ch 5**
- ❑ **Rnd 1:** Sc on second ch from hook, 3 sc. (4)
- ❑ **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, turn. Sc dec twice. (2)
- ❑ **Rnd 3:** Ch 1, turn. Sc dec. Finish off. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. (1)
- ❑ *Sew nose to the front of the snout.*

EYE PATCH INSTRUCTIONS (Make 2)
Hook size: L
Black yarn held double (two strands held at the same time)
- ❑ **Ch 8**
- ❑ **Rnd 1:** Dc in 4th ch from hook (count the three skipped chains as the first dc), 5 more dc in same st, hdc in next st, sc, hdc, 3 hdc in last st. Working in the other side of the foundation ch, 3 hdc in next st, hdc, sc, hdc, sl st into the top of the first dc. Finish off. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing. (18)
- ❑ *Sew eye spots next to snout with the hdc end at the top.*

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