



# Hopscotch Preemie Hats™



- **YARN:** King Cole Baby Pure DK Weight 3 yarn, (70% Premium Acrylic, 39% Polyamide, 3.5 oz/100 g, 256 yds/235 m).
- **SAMPLES:** Baby Turquoise, Baby Petal, and Baby Icicle
- **YARDAGE:** 30-75 yds each
- **HOOK:** US H/8 5.0 mm
- Yarn needle. Scissors

### Special Stitches: (See p. 3-5)

## Stacked Double Crochet: Tutorial p. 3

**Magic Circle:** See Tutorial p. 4

### Extended Single Crochet (esc):

See Tutorial p. 4.

**Crossed Double Crochet (xdc):** Skip next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st. **p. 5**

**Crossed Double Increase (xdc inc):**

2 xdc over 3 sts. See Tutorial p. 5

## HAT SIZES:

**1-2 lbs:** 8" around x 3.5" tall

**3-4 lbs:** 10" around x 4" tall

**5-6 lbs:** 12" around x 4.5" tall

**Gauge:** 12 rows x 14 esc = 4" square

**Difficulty Level:** Intermediate

### Pattern Key:

st(s) - stitch(es)

space -  $\text{sp}(s)$

sl st - slip stitch

ch - chain

sc - single crochet

dc - double crochet

st dc - stacked dc (special sts)

esc - extended single crochet (special sts)

xdc - crossed double crochet (special sts)

xdc inc - crossed double increase (spec sts)

yo - yarn over

FO - fasten off

BLO - back loop only

### Notes:

- Read through the entire pattern first.
- First stitch of **esc** rows should be placed in the same st as ch 1. First stitch of **xdc** rows should be placed in next stitch.
- Sl st **does not** count as a stitch.
- First crossed double crochet (xdc) of each round is created with ch 1, skip 1st stitch, stacked dc, dc in skipped stitch
- Repeat stitches between [ and ] the number of times indicated.
- Hats are worked in joined rounds.



## Hopscotch Preemie Hats 3 sizes Crochet Pattern

### ***Pattern Directions:***

#### **1-2 Lbs Preemie Hat:**

- 8" around x 3.5" tall.
- Fits heads 8" - 9" circumference.

**Round 1:** Make a magic circle, ch 1, 8 esc in magic circle, sl st to join, (8 esc).

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 esc in each st around, sl st to join, (16 esc).

**Round 3:** Ch 1, [esc in next st, 2 esc in next st], 8 times, sl st to join, (24 esc).

***Make sure to review the xdc inc tutorial on p. 5. Each xdc inc is 2 xdc over 3 stitches.***

**Round 4:** Ch 1, skip first st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, (1st xdc formed), xdc inc, [xdc, xdc inc,] 3 times, 2 xdc in last 4 sts, sl st to st dc to join, (14 xdc).

**Round 5:** Ch 1, esc in each st around, sl st to join, (28 esc).

**Round 6:** Ch 1, skip 1st st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, (1st xdc formed), 13 xdc around, sl st to st dc to join, (14 xdc).

**Rounds 7-8:** Repeat Rounds 5-6, alternating, (28 sts, 2 rounds).

**Rounds 9-11:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to join, (28 sc, 3 rounds).

FO and weave in ends.

#### **3-4 Lbs Preemie Hat:**

- 10" around x 4" tall.
- Fits heads 10" - 11" circumference.

**Round 1:** Make a magic circle, ch 1, 8 esc in magic circle, sl st to join, (8 esc).

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 esc in each st around, sl st to join, (16 esc).

**Round 3:** Ch 1, [esc in next st, 2 esc in next st], 8 times, sl st to join, (24 esc).

***Make sure to review the xdc inc tutorial on p. 5. Each xdc inc is 2 xdc over 3 stitches.***

**Round 4:** Ch 1, skip first st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, dc in next st, dc in previous st (same space as st dc - first xdc in formed), 7 xdc inc around, sl st to st dc to join, (16 xdc).

**Round 5:** Ch 1, [esc in next 7 sts, 2 esc in next st,] 4 times, sl st to join, (36 esc).

**Round 6:** Ch 1, skip 1st st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, (1st xdc formed), 17 xdc around, sl st to st dc to join, (18 xdc).

**Round 7:** Ch 1, esc in each st around, sl st to join, (36 esc).

**Rounds 8-9:** Repeat Rounds 6-7, alternating, (36 sts, 2 rounds).

**Round 10:** Repeat Round 6.

**Rounds 11-13:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to join, (36 sc, 3 rounds).

FO and weave in ends.



## Hopscotch Preemie Hats 3 sizes Crochet Pattern

### 5-6 Lbs Preemie Hat:

- 12" around x 4.5" tall.
- Fits heads 12" - 13" circumference.

**Round 1:** Make a magic circle, ch 1, 8 esc in magic circle, sl st to join, (8 esc).

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 esc in each st around, sl st to join, (16 esc).

**Round 3:** Ch 1, [esc in next st, 2 esc in next st], 8 times, sl st to join, (24 esc).

***Make sure to review the xdc inc tutorial on p. 5. Each xdc inc is 2 xdc over 3 stitches.***

**Round 4:** Ch 1, skip first st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, dc in next st, dc in previous st (same space as st dc - first xdc in formed), 7 xdc inc around, sl st to st dc to join, (16 xdc).

**Round 5:** Ch 1, [esc in next 3 sts, 2 esc in next st,] 8 times, sl st to join, (40 esc).

**Round 6:** Ch 1, skip 1st st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, (1st xdc formed), [8 xdc, xdc inc,] 2 times, sl st to st dc to join, (21 xdc).

**Round 7:** Ch 1, esc in each st around, sl st to join, (42 esc).

**Round 8:** Ch 1, skip 1st st, st dc in next st, dc in skipped st, (1st xdc formed), 20 xdc around, sl st to st dc to join, (21 xdc).

**Rounds 9-12:** Repeat Rounds 7-8, alternating, (42 sts, 4 rounds).

**Rounds 13-15:** Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st to join, (42 sc, 3 rounds).

FO and weave in ends.

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### Special Stitches:

#### Stacked Double Crochet (st dc) Tutorial:

**STEP 1:** Single crochet in magic circle (or next st), insert hook into front vertical bar of single crochet, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through both loops on hook.



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## Hopscotch Preemie Hats 3 sizes Crochet Pattern

**Magic Circle Tutorial:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biDTzo6IRiQ>

**STEP 1:** Create a loop with yarn, place hook through the loop, yo and pull the yarn through the loop, keeping the loop open in a circle instead of pulling the yarn tight, ch 1.

**STEP 2:** Insert hook back in circle, yo and pull up a loop through the circle. Yo again and pull through the 2 loops on the hook, 1 sc completed! Repeat Step 2 to create additional stitches. Hold stitches with one hand, gently pull yarn end with other hand to close circle.



**Extended Single Crochet (esc):** Insert hook in next st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 1st loop on the hook, yo and pull through both loops on the hook.

VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/gp41JNKAcg4>





## Hopscotch Preemie Hats 3 sizes Crochet Pattern

**Crossed Double Crochet (xdc):** Skip next st, dc in next st, then dc back into skipped st working *in front* of the previous stitch. VIDEO: <https://youtu.be/5r8bdWi5OOY>



### **Crossed Double Crochet Increase (xdc inc):**

**STEP 1:** Create an xdc as usual by skipping next st, dc in next st, then dc back into skipped st working *in front* of the previous stitch.

**STEP 2:** Then for the increase you will create another xdc but placing the first dc is in the next st *without* skipping a st, and the second dc is placed in the same st as the first dc from the previous xdc. Xdc inc completed!





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