

Free Crochet Little Sunshine Bucket Hat Pattern

0-6 Months & 6-18 Months

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Skill Level	Hook Size	Yarn Weight	Yarn Amount	Sizes
Beginner	6.0 mm / 5.5 mm	Worsted (doubled)	75-115 yds	0-6 m / 6-18 m

Materials

Yarn: DK or Worsted weight cotton, held double throughout.

0-6 months: approx. 75-90 yds | 6-18 months: approx. 90-115 yds

We recommend Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton or any soft machine-washable DK cotton.

Hooks: 6.0 mm (US J/10) for hat body -- 5.5 mm (US I/9) for brim

Other: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker (optional)

Finished Measurements

Size	Head Circumference	Hat Height
0-6 months	14-15 in (36-38 cm)	5 in (13 cm)
6-18 months	16-17 in (41-43 cm)	5.5 in (14 cm)

Gauge

Hat body (6.0 mm hook, yarn held double):

2 clusters + 1 ch-1 space = 1.5 inches in granny stitch

Brim (5.5 mm hook, yarn held double):

7 sc = 2 inches in single crochet

Check gauge after round 3. Adjust hook size if needed.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch = chain | sl st = slip stitch | sc = single crochet | dc = double crochet

sp(s) = space(s) | sk = skip | beg = beginning | MR = magic ring | rep = repeat

() = work all steps inside parentheses in the same stitch or space

Special Stitches

Beg Cluster: Ch 3, work 2 dc in same space (counts as 3 dc / 1 cluster).

Cluster: Work 3 dc in the same space.

Notes

- Pattern is written for 0-6 months, with 6-18 months in parentheses.
- If only one number appears, it applies to both sizes.
- Hold 2 strands of yarn together throughout.
- All rounds are joined with a slip stitch unless stated otherwise.
- Hat is worked from the crown down.

Pattern

Crown -- Both Sizes

Round 1:

With 6.0 mm hook and yarn held double, make a magic ring. Work beg cluster, ch 1, [cluster, ch 1] 4 times into the ring. Pull ring tight. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join.

(5 clusters)

Round 2 (Increase):

(Beg cluster, ch 1, cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp. [(Cluster, ch 1, cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp] 4 times. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join.

(10 clusters)

Round 3:

(Beg cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp. [(Cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp] around. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join.

(10 clusters)

0-6 Months Only**Round 4 (Increase):**

(Beg cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp, (cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, (cluster, ch 1, cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp. *[(Cluster, ch 1) in next 2 ch-1 sps, (cluster, ch 1, cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp]; rep from * once more, (cluster, ch 1) in last ch-1 sp. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join.

(13 clusters)

Rounds 5-7:

(Beg cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp, (cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp around. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join. On the last round, sl st into the starting ch-3 to close. Proceed to Brim.

(13 clusters)

6-18 Months Only**Round 4 (Increase):**

(Beg cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp. *[(Cluster, ch 1, cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, (cluster, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp]; rep from * 3 more times, (cluster, ch 1) in last ch-1 sp. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join.

(14 clusters)

Rounds 5-8:

(Beg cluster, ch 1) in first ch-1 sp, (cluster, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp around. Sl st across to ch-1 sp to join. On the last round, sl st into the starting ch-3 to close. Proceed to Brim.

(14 clusters)

Brim -- All Sizes (switch to 5.5 mm hook)**Round 1:**

Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch). Work 1 sc in each dc and each ch-1 sp evenly around the bottom edge of the hat. Join with sl st to first sc.

(52 (56) sts)

Round 2:

Ch 1, 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc.

(52 (56) sts)

Round 3 (Increase):

Ch 1. [1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. Join with sl st to first sc.

(78 (84) sts)

Rounds 4-6 (4-7):

Ch 1, 1 sc in each st around. Join with sl st to first sc. On the final round, do not join. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

(78 (84) sts)

Finishing

Weave in all ends on the inside of the hat. Block lightly if needed -- lay flat on a towel, shape the brim, and leave to dry.

Optional: Add crochet ties on each side of the brim by joining yarn and working a chain of 40-50 sts on each side.

Care Instructions

Machine wash gentle / cold. Lay flat to dry. Do not tumble dry.

Safety Note

Always supervise babies wearing hats. Remove hat during sleep. Keep ties short to prevent entanglement risk.

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