

Cherry Baby Beanie

This is a top-down crochet beanie for baby's first winter. I invented the cherry stitch myself, it can be found on my free patterns page:

<http://www.strawberrymooncrochet.co.uk/free-stitches>

Suggested hook size: 4mm

Suggested yarn: Drops baby merino.

Colours: 50g pink, 50g cream, scrap of light pink, green and red.

Gauge: 18 stitches and 10 rows of trebles = 10 x 10 cm.

Size: 3-6 months

Make a slip knot and Ch1 using pink yarn.

Round 1: Make a standing treble* or ch3 and tr 11 into first chain. Join round with slip stitch, for this and all subsequent rounds.

Round 2: Standing treble, 2tr into every stitch (24 stitches)

Round 3: Standing treble, [2tr in next stitch, tr2] until end of round (36 stitches)

Round 4: Standing treble, [tr2, 2tr in next stitch] until end of round (48 stitches)

Round 5: Standing treble, [2tr in next stitch, tr3] until end of round (60 stitches)

Round 6: Standing treble, tr3, [2tr in next stitch, tr6] until end of round (68 stitches)

Rounds 7-8: Standing treble, tr in every stitch around. Bind off pink yarn.

Round 9: Join cream yarn. Standing treble, [skip next st, then (tr, ch1, tr) in next stitch] until end of round.

Round 10: Standing treble, [ch1, work puff stitch** into chsp in the v-stitch of previous round] until end of round. Put cream yarn to back of work.

Round 11: Join light pink yarn (or same as main pink if preferred). Standing treble, tr in every stitch. Bind off pink yarn.

Rounds 12-18: work cherry stitch

Round 12: Join cream yarn. Standing treble, tr in every st. Drop cream yarn to back of work.



Round 13: Join green yarn. Ch1, [dc, ch4, skip 3 stitches] until end of round, join with slip stitch and change to cream yarn.

Round 14: Ch1, dc, [ch3, skip next 2 stitches, dc2 in last 2 stitches of skipped stitches in round 12, over the 4chsp in round 13] until end of round.

Round 15: Standing treble, tr in every stitch. Drop cream yarn to back of work.

Round 16: Pick up green yarn, ch1, spike dc into skipped green dc of round 13, ch2, spike dc into same skipped green dc of round 13 as previous, [ch2, spike dc into next green dc of round 13, ch2, spike dc into same dc of round 13] until end of round. Bind off green yarn.

Round 17: Join red yarn. Dc into first stitch, ch1, 3dc popcorn into first spike stitch, [ch2, 3dc popcorn into next spike stitch] work until end of round. Bind off red yarn.

Round 18: Pick up cream yarn, ch1. [Skip next red popcorn stitch, 2tr into stitch of round 15 that is in the middle between the two popcorns, working over the red and green 2chsp. Skip next popcorn stitch, tr 2 into 2 stitches of round 15 between popcorns] work until end of round.

Round 19: Standing treble, tr in every stitch. Bind off cream yarn.

Rounds 20-21: Join pink yarn. Standing treble, tr in every stitch.

Rounds 22-24: Standing treble, work crochet rib all the way round: [work treble round front of post of next stitch, work treble round back of post of next stitch]. Bind off pink yarn.

*I recommend working a standing treble instead of a ch3 for the first stitch of the round. To work a standing treble, pull up a loop at the beginning of the round, twist the yarn around the hook, yo, pull through the twisted yarn, yo, pull through both loops left on the hook. There are some good tutorials online.

**To work a puff stitch, [yo, insert hook into stitch front to back, yo, pull up a loop to the height of a treble] repeat [] two more times, pull hook through all 7 loops on hook.