Crocheted Earflap Hat

medium/large preemie, newborn (larger size adjustments in parenthesis)

materials:

US G crochet hook *DK weight yarn* (MC) green-1/2 oz, (C1) white-1/4 oz, (C2) blue-1/4 oz *gauge:* 9 hdc/5 hdc row = 5 cm (2")

all sizes: 24" of 1/4" or 3/8" satin ribbon, if desired

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:
<i>ch:</i> chain
hdc: half double crochet
RS: right side
sc: single crochet

sc dec: draw up a loop in the next st. draw up a loop in the following st and pull the loop through the loops on the hook.sl st: slip stitch NOTE: ch 2 at beginning of any round will count as a stitch

instructions:

ch 3. sl st in first ch to form a ring.

- 1. ch 2, work 13 hdc into ring. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (14 st)
- ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. hdc in last st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (21 st)
- ch 2. hdc in next st. *2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 2 st. repeat from * to last st. 2 hdc in last st.. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (28 st)
- ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. hdc in last st. sl st in top of ch-2 to join. (42 st)
- 5. PREEMIE ONLY: ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. hdc in next 3 st. 2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 4 st. *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 st. 2 hdc in next st. hdc in next 4 st. repeat from * to end of rnd. (54 st)
- NEWBORN ONLY: ch 2, work 1 hdc in same st. *hdc in next st.
 2 hdc in next st. repeat from * to last st. 2 hdc in last st.. sl st in top of ch2 to join. (64 st)
- 6 10 (11): repeat until hat is 4" (4½") from beginning ring,
 ch 2. hdc in next st and in each st around. sl st in top of
 ch-2 to join.

hat band:

- 1. with C2 ch 1, sc in same st and in back loop of each st around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.
- 2. ch 2. *dc in next st. sc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of ch2 to join.
- 3. with C3, *sc in next st. dc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of sc to join. clip.
- 4. with C2, ch 2. *dc in next st. sc in following st. repeat from * around. sl st in top of ch2 to join..



- 5. ch 1, sc in same st and in each st around. sl st in top of ch-1 to join.clip.
- ear flaps (worked in doubled crochet for warmth and wind protection):

count (18) 23 st from the join of the round. Attach MC with WS facing. sc in 9 st.

% turn. ch 1. sc in front loop of the same st and each st across. turn, and sc in front loop (the other side) of each st. join. (18 st)

* 4 rnds: ch 1. sc in same st and in each st around. join.

% ch 1. sc decr. sc to last 2 st. sc decr. turn and repeat for other side. join. (14 st)

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(RS). working through the front and back st at the same time, sc decr.. sc in the next 3 st. sc decr. tie off and clip. with RS facing, count 20 st from the left side of the first ear flap to determine position for 2nd earflap and repeat.

Tinisting: weave in all ends.

- join MC at center back and loosely sl st across to hat band edge to the first earflap.
- Sc in corner between the hat band and the earflap, in the sides of the earflap rows, across bottom of the earflap, and up the other side of the rows. sc in 2nd corner.
- % loosely sl st across the hat band edge to the other earflap.
- % work around 2nd earflap as before.

% loosely sl st to end of round. tie off and clip. weave in end. Add a ribbon or crocheted/twisted tie to the bottom center of each ear flap and pompoms or tassels as desired.