Elfin Hat

sizes small, medium & large preemie

adjustments for larger sizes are in parenthesis throughout pattern

US J hook or size necessary to achieve gauge

due to sc and colorwork, worked with a larger hook than usual to maintain softness

approx yardage (for largest size): 50 yd green (MC), 20 yd red (C1), 15 yd white (C2)

gauge: 4" : 14 sc

all yarn requirements are approximate

needle size may need to be adjusted in order to achieve gauge

abbreviations:

MC: main color
Cx: each contrasting color
ch: chain
bl: back loop
rnd(s): round(s)

sc2tog bl: work 2 sc together as one, through the back loops.
sc: single crochet
st(s): stitch(es)
yo: yarn over

cuff (worked flat in Tunisian crochet):

ch 7(9/11)
1: with C1 draw up a loop in 2nd ch and each ch across. yo, draw through first loop on hook. *yo, draw through next 2 loops. repeat from * to last 2 loops. yo with C2 to change colors and draw through last 2 loops on hook.
2: with C2 draw up a loop in the top of each sc across. yo, draw through first loop on hook. *yo, draw through next 2 loops. repeat from * to last 2 loops. yo with C1 to change colors and draw through last 2 loops on hook.

repeat row 2, changing colors before drawing through the last 2 loops on each row, until length of cuff is 10" (11 1/2", 13") or desired length to fit around head (and row count being a multiple of 5). last row worked should be a C2. clip both colors leaving a 12" tail for C2.

Use C2 tail to weave beginning and end of cuff together, then flip to make the wrong side the public side of the cuff.

crown:

NOTE - when carrying C1 between sts, be certain to crochet over the yarn to conceal.
1: beginning at cuff seam, attach MC and sc in the bl of the side of each row around. do not join, but place marker to mark beginning of round and continue to work in a spiral.
2: with MC, bl sc in 4 st. with C1, bl sc in next st. repeat from * around.
3 & 4: with MC, bl sc in each st around.
size sm: repeat rows 2 and 3 once.
size med: repeat rows 2 - 4, then 2 & 3 once more.
size large: repeat rows 2 - 4 twice then 2 & 3 once more.

decreases & finishing:

1: *with MC, bl sc in next 2 st. decr 1, work 3 bl sc. repeat from * around. end with 2 bl sc.
2: *with MC, bl sc in next 3 st. with C1, bl sc in next st. repeat from * around.
3: *with MC, bl sc in each st around.
4: *with MC, bl sc in next st. decr 1, work 2 bl sc. repeat from * around. end with 1 bl sc.
5: *with MC, bl sc in next 2 st. with C1, bl sc in next st. repeat from * around.
6: *with MC, bl sc in each st around.
7: *with MC, bl sc, decr 1. repeat from * around.
8: *with MC, bl sc in next st. with C1, bl sc in next st. repeat from * around.
9: *with MC, decr around. repeat rnd 9 until 6 or fewer st remain. clip yarns, leaving a 12" MC tail.

weave tail through top of remaining st and pull tightly to close. tie off and draw to inside. weave in ends.

finish top with C1 pom pom, if desired.

note used in photo: Mission Falls 1812 wool (MC - basil 532, C1 - poppy 11, C2 - natural 01)