Baby Chick Hats

Celebrate springtime with these adorable hats! They'll add a sweet touch of whimsy to any day, rain or shine.

What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
Hat 1: 1 skein each 520 Minty A, 235 Lemon B, and 312 Black C
Hat 2: 1 skein each 235 Lemon A, 726 Coral B, and 312 Black C

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
4mm [US F-5] and 4.5mm [US G-6]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 13 sts = 4“ (10 cm); 10 rounds = 4“ (20 cm) in half double crochet. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Hat directions are for size Baby; changes for size Toddler are in parentheses.

Hat circumference measures 16 (18)” [41 (46) cm].

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
Sc2tog = Single crochet 2 together: [Pull up a loop in next st] twice, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

HAT
With A and larger hook, form an adjustable loop as follows: Make a loop over your fingers, insert hook into the loop and draw up 1 ch.
Round 1: 10 hdc into loop; join with a slip st in first hdc; pull end to tighten loop – 10 hdc.
Round 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a st here and throughout), 2 hdc in same st as joining, 2 hdc in each st around; join with slip st to first hdc – 20 sts.
Round 3: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st as joining, hdc in next hdc, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 hdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to first hdc – 30 sts.
Round 4: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st as joining, hdc in next 2 hdc, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 hdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to first hdc – 40 sts.
Round 5: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st as joining, hdc in next 3 hdc, *2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to first hdc – 50 sts.

Baby Size Only
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st as joining, hdc in each hdc around; join with slip st to first hdc – 50 sts

Round 13: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Toddler Size Only
Round 6: Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st as joining, hdc in next 4 hdc, *2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc; repeat from * around; join with slip st to first hdc – 60 sts.

Rounds 7-13: Ch 1, hdc in next hdc and in each hdc around; join with slip st to first hdc.
Round 14: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Fasten off.

Eyes (Make 2)
With C and smaller hook, make an adjustable loop over your fingers, insert hook into the loop and draw up 1 ch.
Round 1: 5 hdc into loop; join with a slip st in first hdc; draw up end to tighten loop.
Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each st around.

Fasten off.

Beak
With smaller hook and B, ch 7.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 6 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog, turn – 4 sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn – 4 sc.
Row 4: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, turn – 2 sts.
Row 5: Sc2tog. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing later.

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Top Knot (Make 3 or 4)
With smaller hook and A, ch 7.
Row 1: Slip st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming later.

FINISHING
Referring to photo for placement, sew eyes and beak to hat using long tails and yarn needle. Thread yarn needle with long tails from top knot and thread through top of hat. Secure on wrong side. Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es);
* = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.