

Doodles

Mindless hat-making
by Jenna Wingate

American Crochet Terms
Skill Level: Easy

Gauge
(Ch1, sc) 8 times = 4 inches
8 rows in pattern (4 stripes) = 3 inches
Rnds 1-4 of newborn hat = 3.5inches wide

Gauge is very important. Adjust your hook size in order to match the above measurements. Hat height is just as important as circumference. If you are unable to match both, then you may need to adjust the number of rows to your hat. Use the measurements given under materials as a guide for hats you can't try on.

Stitches Used
MR – magic ring
Ch – chain
St – stitch
Sk – skip,
St(s) – stitch(es)
Chsp – chain space
Dc – double crochet
Sc – single crochet,
RS/WS – right/wrong side
FO – finish off
KNOT – see Pattern Notes

Materials
#4/Medium Weight Yarn
(head circumference x height) Total yardage

- Newborn (13x5) 70yds/64m
- 3months (15x6) 100yds/91m
- 6months (16x6.5)120yds/110m
- 12months (17x7) 140yds/128m
- Toddler (18x7.5)160yds/146m
- Child (19x8) 180yds/164m

I/9 5.50 mm Crochet Hook
Tapestry Needle
Notebook clip/hook in the wall/etc. to act as an anchor for making the twisted cord ties.

Pattern Notes

- Ch3 counts as a dc throughout.
- Ch2 counts as a sc+ch1. You will join into the ch2 space at the end of the round. You will begin the next round into this stitch to the left of the join. *Do not begin sc, ch1 rows with a sc. This will make a gap.*
- Worked in joined rounds entirely from the RS.
- On dc rounds, join to the top of starting chain.
- Do not FO until instructed. Carry dropped color up the WS of your work.
- To begin a new color, pick up the yarn into the first stitch and make your beginning chain.
- Anchor knot old color before switching to new color by pulling out a long loop and passing your work through. Pull the knot tight against your work. This may also trap the 2nd color. Next join or pick up the new color into the appropriate stitch or chain space. *Do not change colors by completing a stitch with a new color. This makes an obvious seam.*
- Anchor knots are a pain to undo, so be sure your stitch count for that round is correct before proceeding.
- All sizes end with (color B), so you can easily plan which color will frame the face.
- All hat sizes allow for 1 inch negative ease.
- Bonus tips for using a 3rd accent color at the end of the pattern.
- **Be sure not to chain tightly on the (sc, ch1) rounds!**

Doodles is a great pattern for using scraps, playing with color combos, and using up some of that yarn you bought because you liked the color but haven't found a project for it yet. They are very fast to make, so you can bust through some stash making gifts, hats for donations, or just having fun making something you don't have to think about too much. Feel free to sell anything you have made from this pattern, but please give me credit as the designer. Please do not sell, copy, give away, or borrow from this pattern in whole or in part, text or images.

This pattern is arranged so that you can easily print just the size(s) you need.

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Newborn
1. (color A) Ch3 + 11dc in a MR. Join. (12)

2. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 sts, Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

3. (join color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

4. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. (3dc in the next chsp, 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp) 5 times. Join. (42dc)

6. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (21chsp)

7. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the 1stchsp. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (42)

8. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (21chsp)

9. – 10. (color A) Repeat 7 and 8

11. – 12. (color B) Repeat 7 and 8. Do not FO.

Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3 chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 7 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. DO NOT FO (color B) on round 4. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(Color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (58sc)

Sew in all ends.
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3 Months

1. (color A) Ch3 + 11dc in a MR. Join. (12)

2. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 stitches. Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

3. (join color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp.3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

4. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. * (2dc in the next, 3dc in the next 3.) twice * 3dc in the next. Repeat from * to *. Join. (50dc)

6. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (25chsp)

7. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the 1st chsp. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (50)

8. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (25chsp)

9. -10. (color A) Repeat 7 and 8

11. – 12. (color B) Repeat 7 and 8

13. – 14. (color A) Repeat 7 and 8.

15. – 16. (color B) Repeat 7 and 8. Do not FO.

Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 4 chsp. Ch1, turn. (10)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (4chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3 chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

6. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 8 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. Do not FO (color B) on round 4, but KNOT and leave attached for Trim. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (78sc)

Sew in all ends.
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6 Months
1. (color A) 6sc in a MR. Join. (6)

2. Ch3 + dc in the first stitch. 2Dc in each remaining stitch Join. (12)

3. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 stitches. Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

4. (join color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp.3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

5. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

6. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 3dc in each chsp around Join. (54dc)

7. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (27chsp)

8. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the 1st chsp. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (54)

9. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (27chsp)

10. -11. (color A) Repeat 8 and 9

12. – 13. (color B) Repeat 8 and 9

14. – 15. (color A) Repeat 8 and 9

16. – 17. (color B) Repeat 8 and 9. Do not FO.

Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 4 chsp. Ch1, turn. (10)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (4chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3 chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

6. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 9 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. Do not FO (color B) on round 4, but KNOT and leave attached for Trim. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (82sc)

Sew in all ends.
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12 months
1. (color B) Ch3 + 11dc in a MR. Join. (12)

2. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 stitches. Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

3. (join color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp.3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

4. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

5. (color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 3dc in each chsp around Join. (54dc)

6. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (27chsp)

7. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 2Dc in each of the next 5chsp. (3dc in the next chsp, 2dc in each of the next 6chsp) 3 times. Join. (58)

8. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (29chsp)

9. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the 1st chsp. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (58)

10. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (29chsp)

11. – 12. (color A) Repeat 9 and 10.

13. – 14. (color B) Repeat 9 and 10.

15. – 16. (color A) Repeat 9 and 10.

17. – 18. (color B) Repeat 9 and 10. Do not FO.
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Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 5 chsp. Ch1, turn. (12)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (5chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 4 chsp. Ch1, turn. (10)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (4chsp)

5. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

6. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

7. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

8. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 9 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. Do not FO (color B) on round 6, but KNOT and leave attached for Trim. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Work over any floats on the earflaps. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (98sc)

Sew in all ends.
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Toddler
1. (color A) Ch3 + 11dc in a MR. Join. (12)

2. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 stitches. Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

3. (join color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp.3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

4. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 3dc in each chsp around Join. (54dc)

6. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (27chsp)

7. (color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 2Dc in each of the next 2chsp. 3Dc in the next chsp, 2dc in each of the next 2chsp. (3dc in the next, 2dc in the next 2. 3dc in the next, 2 dc in the next 3) twice. Join. (62)

8. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (31chsp)

9. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the 1st chsp. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (62)

10. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (31chsp)

11. – 12. (color B) Repeat 9 and 10.

13. – 14. (color A) Repeat 9 and 10.

15. – 16. (color B) Repeat 9 and 10.

17. – 18. (color A) Repeat 9 and 10.

19. – 20. (color B) Repeat 9 and 10. Do not FO.

Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 6chsp. Ch1, turn. (14)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (6chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 5 chsp. Ch1, turn. (12)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (5chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 4chsp. Ch1, turn. (10)

6. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (4chsp)

7. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

8. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

9. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

10. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 9 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. Do not FO (color B) on round 4, but KNOT and leave attached for Trim. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (114sc)

Sew in all ends.
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Child
1. (color A) 6sc in a MR. Join. (6)

2. Ch3 + dc in the first stitch. 2Dc in each remaining stitch Join. (12)

3. Ch2. (Sc between the next 2 stitches. Ch1.) 11 times. Join and KNOT. (12chsp)

4. (join color B) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp.3dc in each chsp around. Join. (36dc)

5. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (18chsp)

6. (color A) Ch3 + 2dc in the first chsp. 3dc in each chsp around Join. (54dc)

7. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (27chsp)

8. (color B) Ch3 + 1dc in the first chsp. * 2dc in the next. (3dc in the next, 2dc in the next) 6 times.* Repeat from * to * once. Join (66)

9. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (33chsp)

10. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the 1stdc. 2dc in each remaining chsp around. Join. (66)

11. Ch2. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) around. Join and KNOT. (33chsp)

12. – 13. (color B) Repeat 10 and 11

14. – 15. (color A) Repeat 10 and 11.

16. – 17. (color B) Repeat 10 and 11.

18. – 19. (color A) Repeat 10 and 11.

20. – 21. (color B) Repeat 10 and 11.

Right Earflap
1. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 6chsp. Ch1, turn. (14)

2. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (6chsp)

3. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 5 chsp. Ch1, turn. (12)

4. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (5chsp)

5. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 4chsp. Ch1, turn. (10)

6. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (4chsp)

7. (color B) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 3chsp. Ch1, turn. (8)

8. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO, turn. (3chsp)

9. (color A) Ch3 + dc in the first chsp. 2dc in each of the next 2 chsp. Ch1, turn. (6)

10. Sc in the 1st dc, ch1. (Sk2, sc between the sts, ch1) across. Sc in the top of the turning chain. FO. (2chsp)

Left Earflap
Skip 10 chsp across the front of the hat. Join in the next chsp and repeat as for right Earflap. Do not FO (color B) on round 4, but KNOT and leave attached for Trim. Turn.

Trim (see Fig. 1 on page 9)
(color B) 2sc in each chsp or into the sides of each row completely around the hat. Join with a slst to the beginning sc. FO. (118sc)

Sew in all ends.
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Twisted Cords

Amount:
4 each of 2 colors OR 8 total. (4 total for each side)

Length:
3X longer than you want them to end up.

Note: 36 inch strands will end up at almost 11 inches when finished. You will lose a little length when knotting, so add extra if that matters. I make them all this length and just knot them shorter and trim off more for the smaller size hats.

Set-up:
1. Loop 2 (color A) strands and knot the ends together. Be sure the loop end is even.
2. Loop 2 (color B) through the loop end of the first pair and knot those ends together. *(fig. 2 on page 9)*

For a 1-color cord, knot one end of all 4 strands together, then knot the other end.

How to:

Note: I use a notebook clip and secure them to the edge of a shelf. A hook in a wall will also work. Whatever you use, be sure you will be able to 'unhook' it easily.

1. Secure 1 knotted end to a stable surface. *(fig 3 on page 9)*

2. Place a pencil through the other end above the knot.

3. Pull taut.

4. Twist. Keep twisting. Twist in the same direction. Twist twist twist. By holding the knot loosely in your fingers, you can twirl the pencil like a propeller to twist it a lot faster.

5. Check to see if it is twisted enough by giving some slack. If it wants to curl up on itself, it is close.

6. Twist a few more times.

7. Remove the pencil, but don't let go!

8. Insert the knot end you are holding through the bottom of the earflap. (It fits nicely between the center 2 dc on that last dc row). *(fig. 4 on page 9)*

9. Holding the hat end taut, fold the knot end you are holding up to meet the knot at the anchor end. Be sure the hat ends up right in the center of the cord where the colors meet. *(fig. 5 on page 9)*

10. Having a good hold of both knots together, slip it off the anchor.

11. Allow the hat to dangle. It will twirl, twisting the two halves together. *(fig. 6 on page 9)*

12. Still having a good hold of the knot ends, knot all layers together, deciding on the length of your cords now by where you place the knot.

13. Trim the excess off, leaving about 1 inch of tassel.

14. Repeat for the other side.

Safety with Cords + Babies

Cords are cute and really helpful to keep hats on babies who are in that grabby stage, but very long cords can be a danger. I recommend making the cord appropriate to the size, just long enough to tie once under the chin. Never leave a hat with cords or braids with a baby in her bed or playpen.

Fun 3rd color option



By choosing a 3rd color to use for every other round, you get a whole new look! It's pretty simple to do. You will be changing colors more often, so you will need to KNOT more often, but you will love how it looks! The only problem you might run into is on the earflaps, where you will need to pass the skein/ball through your large loop to KNOT rather than your work. You'll see what I'm talking about when you get there!

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Fig 1. Where to Crochet for trimming around Earflaps



Fig. 2



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Need Pattern Help?
Please email if you have any questions or need help. No other form of communication is as instant or reliable as Email. I can usually get back to you right away. Thanks!

Fig 3.



Fig 4.



Fig. 5



Fig. 6



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