Crocheted Chenille Child’s Cap

Copyrighted 2007 by Deborah Swift of MountainMom Designs.

Skill Level: Easy

Size: 18”, fits child size Med-Large (19 - 20 1/2” head circumference) [other sizes at end]

Materials:
- Lion Brand “Chenille Thick & Quick” yarn, 100 grams or 68 yds.
- I used color #108 Dusty Blue, but you should use what *you* like/have on hand.
- Crochet hook size “N” (10 mm), or size to obtain gauge.

Gauge: 7 hdc = 4”

To save time, and get the desired size, take the time to check your gauge before proceeding.

*Instructions for hat:*

- Chain 3 and close into a ring with 1 slip st in first ch.
- Rnd 2: Ch 1 (raising chain, counts as one hdc). Work a second hdc also in the first hdc. Thence, 2 hdc in each hdc around. Join rd with sl st in top of raising chain. —16 hdc.
- Rnd 3: Ch1. Repeat (1 hdc in next hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc) around, to increase 8 hdc evenly spaced. Join rd with sl st in top of raising chain. —24 hdc.
- Rnd 4: Ch 1. Repeat (1 hdc in each of next 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc) around, to increase 8 hdc evenly spaced. Join rd with sl st in top of raising chain. —32 hdc.
- Rnds 5 - 10: Ch 1. Work even in hdc for 6 rounds, or until cap measures 6 1/2 - 7” from center of crown.

For rd 11, you have 2 choices: (a) add a turn-up brim, or (b) finish with no brim.
Brim Option. [Credit where credit is due: The idea for this brim treatment I got from a Lion Brand pattern for this yarn, “Crochet Hat and Scarf Set”. That used single crochet in spirals.]

Rnd 11(a): Ch 1. Working in hdc, increase 8 hdc evenly spaced (each group of 4 becomes 5). Join rd with sl st in top of raising chain. — 40 hdc.
  Rnds 12-13: Work even.
  Rnd 14 (Last round): Ch 1. Working in hdc, decrease 5 hdc evenly spaced (each group of 8 becomes 7). Join rd with sl st in top of raising chain. — 35 hdc.
  Fasten off. Weave in all ends.

No-Brim Option.
  Rnd 11(b): Work almost even — if your cap seems snug, dec 1 hdc; if your cap seems looser, dec 2 or 3 hdc evenly spaced. Fasten off. Tuck in all loose ends.

Striped Version.

Here, I used #125 Chocolate (MC, 34 yds.) and #098 Antique White (CC, 24 yds.).

Skill Level: Intermediate

Begin in MC. Work rds 4, 7, 10, & 11 in CC. Fasten off and weave in ends.
For adult size: In rd 5, increase 4 more hdc evenly-spaced. Work even for a full 7” from the top. Otherwise, no changes.

For smaller child size: In rd 4, increase 4 hdc instead of 8 hdc. Work even for 6 1/2”.

Copyrighted 2007 by Deborah Swift of MountainMom Designs. You may download this pattern and print a copy for your own (noncommercial) use. If you wish to share this pattern with another crocheter, please make sure to properly credit the designer. Want to sell a cap made from this pattern? Ask me first, and we shall see.

Find an error? Want to suggest an improvement? Please submit a Comment to the author at http://BeautifulKnitting.wordpress.com. Thanks!