

Summer Sun Hat

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Keeping little heads protected from the sun is important. This hat with a turned up hem is versatile and perfect for summer weather when made from cotton, bamboo or even raffia fibers



Yarn:

DK weight cotton, bamboo or raffia.

30 yds in a contrasting color for flower

The hat in the cover photo was made using one skein of Yashi Raffia yarn in Super Pink. The contrasting crochet flower was made with left over Yashi Raffia in Natural and the Super Pink.

Needles and Notions

Size 3 32" circular needles (for magic loop method)

Crochet Hook size G

Gauge

5 stitches for 1 inch stockinette stitch

6 rows for 1 inch

Finished Sizes

Size in Months	0-3	3-6	6-12	12-18
circumference	18"	19"	20"	20"
height from brim to top laid flat	6"	6.5"	7"	7.5"

Brim

Using Main Color, CO 72 (80, 85, 88) stitches and join in the round

rows 1-6 K around

row 7 Purl around (this is the fold line for your hem)

rows 8-13 K around

row 14 Using the purl round as your fold line knit through one stitch on your needle and one stitch from the bottom cast on edge around. This will form a hem or brim for your hat.

Hat Body

Knit around until your hat measures 4 (4 1/2, 5, 5 1/2) inches.

Hat Crown

For Sizes Newborn and (3-6 months):

row 1 k8 (9), Place marker, k2tog. repeat around.

row 2 K to each marker, k2tog, repeat until 4-6 stitches remain on the needles.

Cut your yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. With a darning needle feed the tail through the loops and pull tight to close. Hide your yarn on the inside.

For Sizes 6-12 months

row 1 k16, k2tog repeat around.

row 2 k8, Place marker, k2tog. repeat around.

row 2 K to each marker, k2tog, repeat until 4-6 stitches remain on the needles.

Cut your yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. With a darning needle feed the tail through the loops and pull tight to close. Hide your yarn on the inside.

For Sizes 12-18 months

row 1 k10, Place marker, k2tog. repeat around.

row 2 K to each marker, k2tog. Place marker, k2tog. repeat until 4-6 stitches remain on the needles.

Cut your yarn leaving a 12 inch tail. With a darning needle feed the tail through the loops and pull tight to close. Hide your yarn on the inside.

Finishing

Crochet flower: Any crochet flower, button or even stripes will work well with this hat pattern. The crochet flower used on the example above was made with leftover scraps of raffia.

using a contrasting color to hat: Ch2, sc 12 time into the second chain from hook. close ring with a slip stitch. ch3, dc 2 in first chain from hook. slip stitch in next chain, 3 dc in third chain from hook. continue in this manner around forming 6 petals. same yarn as hat: attach yarn around one of the 12 inner ring stitches (peg) from the base ch 3, skip 1 stitch, slip stitch around next peg. Repeat until there are 6 chained loops. join. slip stitch around the nearest loop, chain 3, 2 dc into the same loop space, 3 dc into the next chain space. continue around until 6 petals are formed. Clip remaining yarn, pull loop through and secure hiding ends.

Sew the crochet flower to your hat using a darning needle and hide ends.

The raffia is fine in the water. Just drop it into a warm sink and let sit for 5 minutes. gently squeeze out excess water and use a small bowl to block the hat into the desired shape.

