Icicles Baby Hat (UK)



I used blossom stitch for the main portion of the hat because it's sort of lacy but dense enough to be nice and warm. The icicle fringing is optional – you can just do the first round for a scalloped edge and add a leaf or two for an autumn version, or flower for a springtime version.

Materials:

For a newborn size (14inches circumference): Size 3.5mm hook, 80m dk yarn

For a baby size (16inches circumference): Size 4mm hook, 95m dk yarn

For a 1yr old size (18inches circumference): Size 4.5mm hook, 120m dk yarn

You will also need a small amount of white dk yarn for the trim and snowflake.

Example uses Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK.

Pattern:

The hat is worked in the round from the centre top down. The snowflake is a separate applique sewn on at the end.

Begin with a magic circle (or ch4 and join if you prefer).

Ch2 at the start of the round counts as a tr – you can ch3 if you prefer.

R1: Ch2, 11tr into magic circle, join with a sl-st (12 sts). Draw the circle closed.

R2: Ch2, ch1, *tr, ch1, repeat from * 10 more times, join with a sl-st into the second ch (24 sts – 12 tr's and 12 ch's)

R3: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch3, tr in to same ch-sp (counts as tr, ch1, tr), (tr, ch1, tr) into each ch-sp around, join with a sl-st into the second ch (36 sts)

R4: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch3, tr in to same ch-sp (counts as tr, ch1, tr), *tr into the space between tr sts, (tr, ch1, tr) into next ch-sp, repeat from *10 more times, tr into the space between the tr sts, join with a sl-st into the second ch (48 sts)

R5: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch3, tr in to same ch-sp (counts as tr, ch1, tr), *(2tr) into tr (the one made between V-sts), (tr, ch1, tr) into next ch-sp, repeat from *10 more times, (2tr) into tr st, join with a sl-st into the second ch (60 sts)

R6: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch3, tr in to same ch-sp (counts as tr, ch1, tr), *(tr, ch1, tr) into space between the (2tr) made in previous row, (tr, ch1, tr) into next ch-sp, repeat from *10 more times, (tr, ch1, tr) into space between the (2tr) made in previous row, join with a sl-st into the second ch (72 sts)

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R7: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch3, tr in to same ch-sp (counts as tr, ch1, tr), * dc in between tr sts, (tr, ch1, tr) into next ch-sp, repeat from *22 more times, dc between tr sts, join with a sl-st into the second ch (96 sts)

The following rounds are worked in blossom stitch – a two row repeat stitch pattern:

R8: sl-st in to ch-sp, ch1 (counts as dc), ch1, tr into next dc, ch1, *dc into next ch-sp, ch1, tr into next dc, ch 1repeat from* around, join into initial ch 1 with a sl-st (96 sts)

R9: ch3, tr in to same st (counts as tr, ch1, tr), * dc in next tr st, (tr, ch1, tr) into next dc, repeat from *22 more times, dc in next tr st, join with a sl-st into the second ch (96 sts)

Repeat rounds 8 and 9 until the hat is your desired length (less the trim). Finish with a round 9. Fasten off and join the white yarn into any chain space.

R10: ch1 (counts as dc), (2dc) in ch-sp, sl-st in next dc, *(5dc) into ch-sp, sl-st in next dc st, repeat from * around, (2dc) in first ch-sp, join with a sl-st into initial ch.

The 5 sts made in each chain space will be referred to as a "shell".

Special st-picot

This picot makes the "icicle drops" fringing.

Ch6, sl-st in 5th ch from hook, sl-st into last ch, sl-st into same st chain begins in.

R11: Picot, ch3, sl-st in 3rd st of the 5 sts made in next shell, repeat from * around, ch 3, join with a sl-st into the first st.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Block the icicles fringing – I used a rolled up hand towel and pinned out the picots to be droplet shaped.

Crochet and sew on a snowflake.

Snowflake Pattern (UK):

R1: Ch1 (counts as 1dc), 1dc, ch 3, *2dc, chain 3, repeat from * 4 more times, sl-st into initial ch1 to join. (12dc and 6 ch-sps)

In the next round, work out of the 6 ch-sps.

R2: sl-st into the first ch-sp. [Ch1 (counts as 1dc), 1dc, chain 3, 2dc] into ch-sp. [2dc, chain 3, 2dc] into each of the 5 remaining ch-sps, sl-st into initial chain-1 to join. (24 dc and 6 ch-sps)

In the next round, work out of the 6 ch-sps.

R3: sl-st into the first ch-sp. [ch1 (counts as dc), ch3, 1dc, ch5, 1dc, ch3, 1dc] in same ch-sp. [dc, ch3, 1dc, ch5, 1dc, ch3, 1dc] into each of the remaining ch-sps, sl-st into initial chain-1 to join

Fasten off, and weave in the ends.

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