



SNAKE HAT PHOTO PROP



This pattern is for a novelty photo prop snake hat.

Care should be taken if baby is wearing it for anything other than a photo shoot as the long tail could pose a risk.

Instructions are included for sizes 0-3 (3-6, 6-9, 9-12) months with details of how to modify for larger sizes.

Two different finishes for the head are provided as shown in the pictures above.

YOU WILL NEED 100g (300m) double knitting (8-ply) yarn, oddments of black and white yarn for eyes and fangs, a 3.50mm hook and a needle for neatening ends.

Should you wish to use Aran, Worsted Weight or other thickness of yarn, follow the instructions for larger sizes - gauge will not apply in such cases.

GAUGE: 8 stitches and 4 rows to 5 cm (2") in UK trebles (US double crochet).

This pattern is written in UK terms. The table below outlines these terms along with the UK equivalents as applicable.

UK abbreviation	UK term	US equivalent	US abbreviation
CC	contrasting colour		
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	single crochet	sc
fp ^{tr}	front post treble	front post double crochet	fpdc
htr	half treble	half double crochet	hdc
MC	main colour		
rnd(s)	round(s)		
sp	space		
ss	slip stitch	slip stitch	sl st
st	stitch		
tr	treble	double crochet	dc

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS:

tr2tog - treble two together to decrease - (yrh, insert hook into next st, yrh, pull through) twice, yrh, pull through remaining loops on hook.

htps - half treble picots - [3ch, 1htr into 3rd chain from hook, skip two stitches, dc into next stitch] repeat as required.

Tail

Commence with a magic ring. Instructions for this can be found here:

<http://thomasinacummings.co.uk/double-loop-magic-ring/>

Working in main colour (MC), 3ch, 6tr into magic ring (7sts).

Join the contrasting colour (CC), 3ch, (1tr into next st) 6 times, ss into 3rd of 3ch (7sts).

Rnd 1 (MC): 3ch, **turn**, 1tr into same place as 3ch, 1tr into each st to end of round, ss into 3rd of 3ch (One stitch more than in previous row).

Rnd 2 (CC): 3ch, 1tr into each st to end of round, ss into 3rd of 3ch (same number of stitches as in previous row).

Rep Rnds 1 & 2 until there are the 20 stitches in each round, ending with Rnd 2.

Rep Rnd 1 (alternating colours) until there are 54 (60, 66, 72) stitches in each round.

For larger sizes continue repeating Rnd 1 until you have the desired number of stitches to fit the head circumference (Note: the hat will stretch about 2" (10cm) so take this into account when measuring).

Working in CC, 2ch, 1dc into each of next 26 (29, 32, 35) sts - for larger sizes, work 1dc across half the st count, 1tr into each of remaining sts, ss into 2nd of 2ch, 2ch, turn.

The remainder of the head is **worked across the trebles only**, decreasing until two 'blunt' triangle layers are made (one in each colour). These layers will be joined together later.

Upper Layer

Row 1 (CC): 1dc into next st, 1tr into each of remaining sts to last 2 sts, tr2tog, 2ch, turn
Repeat row 1, until 6sts remain, fasten off. You may find you want to stop earlier on large sizes - this is perfectly fine as long as you work the lower layer to the same size.

Lower Layer

Row 1 (MC): Working into the back/base of the 27 (30, 33, 36) trebles, pick up and work 1tr into each, 1ch, turn.

Row 2: 1dc into next st, 1tr into each of remaining sts to last 2 sts, tr2tog, 2ch, turn

Rep Row 2 until 6sts remain, fasten off.

Close Head using Teeth or Mouth finish, as desired.

Teeth

In white, join the two head flaps together by working through both layers using https (see Special Stitches/Methods).



Mouth

Using CC, join the two head flaps together by working through both layers using dc.

Nostrils

Embroider two nostrils, through top layer of head only using black yarn.

Eyes

Rnd 1 (black): 3ch, 9htr into 3rd chain from hook, ss to join

Rnd 2 (white): 2ch, 1htr into same space as 2ch, (1htr into next st, 2htr into next st) repeat to last st, 1htr into next st, ss into 2nd of 2ch

Rnd 3 (white): 2ch, 1htr into next st to end, ss into 2nd of 2ch, fasten off leaving enough yarn to attach eyes to head.

Attach using small stitches through top layer of head only. Eyes may be filled with stuffing, to give added dimension, if desired.

Fangs (optional) - make two

5ch, 1dc into 2nd chain from hook, 1dc into each of next 3 ch, fasten off and attach to front of head.

