Heirloom Thread Flower Bonnet Crochet Pattern

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Materials:

- This bonnet can be created with any size thread, yarn, or hook. I chose to use thread, along with a 4.0mm (G) crochet hook in order to create a more vintage, antique feel. The smaller the yarn and hook you use, the more flowers will fit into your bonnet. So keep that in mind when deciding what materials to use.
- Yarn or Tapestry Needle

Abbreviations:

- SC: Single Crochet
- DC: Double Crochet
- HDC: Half Double Crochet
- SC2tog: Single Crochet the next two stitches together
- **: Repeat the section in between the two stars as specified

Gauge:

See below for further instructions on Materials and Gauge

Average Head Circumference:

0-3 Months: 14-15"
3-6 Months: 14-17"
6-12 Months: 16-19"
1-3 Years: 18-20"

Bonnet Size Chart

Size	Bonnet Width Before Folding	Bonnet Depth
Newborn	11 inches (28cm)	5 inches (12.75cm)
0-3 Months	12 inches (30.5cm)	5.5 inches (14cm)
3-6 Months	13 inches (33cm)	6 inches (15.25cm)
6-12 Months	14 inches (35.5cm)	6.5 inches (16.5cm)
1-3 Years	15 inches (38cm)	7 inches (17.75cm)

Step One….
Figure out how many flowers are needed to span the width of bonnet.

Complete the flower pattern one time and measure the width of your flower.

Flower Pattern
Using color 1 (center color), create a magic circle with 5 SC stitches in the center. Join by slip stitching first and last sts together.
Round 1: DC two times into each stitch around (10 total sts)
Drop and cut color 1. Pick up color 2
Round 2: *SC1, (SC, HDC, DC 5 times, HDC, SC) all into next stitch* Repeat 4 more times.
Cut yarn, and secure and weave in all ends.

Using thread and a size 4.0mm hook, my flowers measured approx. 1.5inches (3.75cm) in width.

Consult the size chart and find the "Bonnet Width Before Folding" for the size you are making. Take the "Bonnet Width Before Folding" and divide it by the width of your flower to find the number of flowers needed width wise to create your desired size bonnet. Use an odd number if you prefer to match the outside edges.

 Example:
  For a Newborn bonnet using my measurements:

  11 inches/1.5 inches = 7 flowers (Round your number to the nearest whole)

Step Two…
Figure out how many flowers are needed to make the bonnet deep enough.

Consult the size chart and find the "Bonnet Depth" for the size you are making. Take the "Bonnet Depth", and subtract 1inch (2.5cm). Divide this number by the width of your flower to find the number of flowers needed to make the right depth for your size.

 Example:
  For a Newborn bonnet using my measurements:

  5 inches – 1 inch = 4 inches
  4 inches/1.5 inches = 3 flowers (Round your number to the nearest whole)

Step Three...
Figure out the total number of flowers needed for your bonnet.

Take the number of flowers needed width wise, and multiply that number by the number of flowers needed depth wise. This is your total number of flowers needed.

>**Example:**
>>For my Newborn size bonnet using size 4.0mm (G) hook and 1.5 inch flowers
>>7 flower width x 3 flower depth = 21 flowers needed

Once you have this number, you just need to get crocheting! You can work up all the flowers using one color combination, or you can alternate the colors for each flower like I did. Leave long enough yarn tails on each flower to use for sewing them together later.

Step Four...
Sew all your flowers together.

After creating all the flowers needed, line them up, and sew them together. I've created a chart for the way I lined my flowers up on the last page.

Step Five...
Turn your work into a bonnet and create a rounded back.

After you've sewn all your flowers together, choose one of your colors to create the back of your bonnet. Use that color to pick up and single crochet across the back of each flower. When you reach a gap between flowers, chain across the gap. Use a multiple of 10 (+3) (**Note: the plus three is only to be added if you used an odd number of flowers as suggested**) for your total number of sts. Try to distribute your sts evenly all the way across the back of the bonnet. **See photo on last page for sample of where I placed my sts and chains.**

Step Six...
Join your work in the round and start decreasing.

After you've stitched across the back of your bonnet using a multiple of 10 (+3), join your work in the round by slip stitching the first and last stitches together.

After you've joined in the round, you'll be starting your decreases. Since you used a multiple of 10 (+3), you'll be decreasing by 10 stitches each round.
Take your total number of sts and subtract 3 (for my example in the photo below I have 63 sts)

>**Example:**
>>63 (total number of sts) – 3 (because we need a multiple of 10) = 60 sts

Next, figure out how many times 10 goes into that number. So my example of 60 sts can be divided by 10 a total of 6 times. Take the total number of times your total stitch count (minus three) can be divided by 10 and subtract 2. This will provide you with x in the pattern below.
>*SC2tog, SCx* Repeat around to last three sts, SC3
>(For my example - *SC2tog, SC4* Repeat to last three sts, SC3)

This will decrease your work in a multiple of 10.

For the next round, subtract 1 from x in the above equation. Repeat until you can continually SC2tog to close up the back of the bonnet.

Example:
Using a 63 stitch count
Decreases:
Round 1: *SC2tog, SC4* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (53 total sts)
Round 2: *SC2tog, SC3* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (43 total sts)
Round 3: *SC2tog, SC2* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (33 total sts)
Round 4: *SC2tog, SC1* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (23 total sts)
Round 5: *SC2tog* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (13 total sts)
Round 6: *SC2tog* Repeat to last three sts, SC3 (8 total sts)
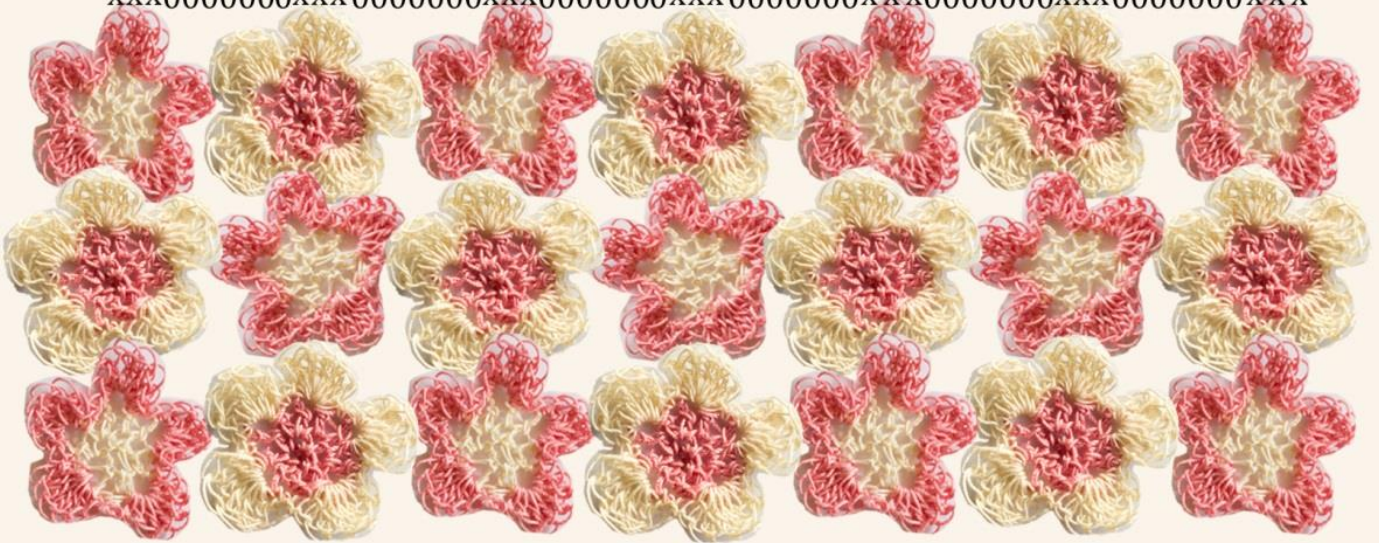Round 7: *SC2tog* Repeat around (4 total sts)

Continue to SC2tog until the hole at the back of your hat is closed. Cut yarn with an approx. 7 inch yarn tail. Use your yarn or tapestry needle to secure the top hole, and secure and weave in all ends.

Create Ties
Cut three strands of yarn approx. 38 inches long and pull them in a loop through a front corner of your project. Pull the ends of the yarn through this loop (this attaches the yarn without any knots, and makes your project look smoother). Separate the yarn into three sections and braid them to desired length. Secure and cut yarn evenly on the ends. Repeat on the other side of the bonnet as well.

x = Single Crochet   0 = Chain

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