KIPPAH WITH CENTER STAR

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Size of crochet hook will vary according to thickness of yarn. Be sure all yarns are the same weight or thickness. Or, if yarns are of different weight, one yarn may be doubled.

CODE:
- Slip stitch – S
- Single crochet – S.C.
- Double crochet – D.C.

Yarn:
- Color A
- Color B

ROUND 1. With color A; Chain 4, join with S. to form a ring.

ROUND 2. Work 12 or 13 S.C. around ring; join with S.
NOTE: All S.C. must show, do not overlap stitches – this accounts for difference in number of S.C.

ROUND 3. Chain 2; 1D.C. in next stitch; 1D.C. in next stitch (this forms the first point of star). Chain 3; * 1D.C. in same stitch as last D.C.; 1D.C. in next stitch; keeping 2 loops on hook, do not complete the D.C; 1D.C. in next stitch (yarn over and draw through 3 loops). Chain 3 and repeat from asterisk* 4 times more ( 6 points in all). Join with S. to top of first point of star (not the chain stitch). Do not fasten off.

NOTE: To make it easier to keep this pattern straight, remember 1-2-3. 1 is for 1 loop remaining on hook for first part of point. 2 is for 2 loops remaining on hook for middle part of point and 3 is for 3 loops remaining on hook before you yarn over and take off all loops.

ROUND 4. Join color B (count it as 1 Chain), Chain 2 more and work 6 D.C. in first Chain 3 space and 7 D.C. in each remaining 3 space around entire star. Join with S. to second Chain (42 stitches). Do not fasten off.

ROUND 5. Pull up color A and Chain 1. *Work 1 S.C. in each of next 6 stitches and 2 S.C. in the next stitch. Repeat from * around, end with a S. to start Chain (approximately 48 stitches).

ROUND 6. Continue with color A. Chain 1; *1 S.C. in each of next 5 S.C.; 2 S.C. in 6th stitch. Repeat from * around (approximately 56 stitches). Join with a S. to starting Chain 1. Do not fasten off.

ROUND 8. Repeat round 7.

ROUND 9. Chain 3 and *D.C. in each of next 6 stitches, 2 D.C. in the 7th stitch. Repeat from * around round. Join with S. to 3rd starting Chain stitch.

ROUND 10. Chain 3 and continue as above, but increase every 8th stitch. (Increases should line up with increases of previous round.) Join with S. to 3rd starting. Chain stitch.


NOTE: Kippah may be continued at this point by increasing each round for 2 more rounds, but kippah becomes quite large.

ROUND 12. Pull up color A, Chain 1; 1 S.C. in every stitch. Join with S.


Weave in all loose ends. Sew or glue in label to cover carried threads, which should be lined up. Three or four pieces of Velcro may be placed inside (horizontally) to hold kippah in place.

BABY KIPPAH FOR BRIT MILAH OR PIDYON HABEN

Follow same pattern, but use smaller crochet hook and fine crochet cotton (mercerized). To keep kippah small, you may eliminate third round of D.C. (Round 11). On last round of kippah S.C., crochet half way around, join the second color and with both colors attached Chain a piece long enough to tie under baby's chin. Tie off with a double knot. Fold kippah in half and attach 2 strands opposite first tie. Chain a second piece to match first one, tie off with a double knot. Weave in all loose ends.