

Baby Hat Guidelines and Size Chart

Pattern

You may use any knit or crochet pattern, as long as:

- The pattern makes a closed-weave hat
- The hat fits newborn babies.
- The hat can s-t-r-e-t-c-h. Test your pattern to make sure that the bottom row will also stretch.

Yarn

Please use washable, light weight or fine weight yarn. Avoid bulky yarn. Please do not use wool yarn.

Color

Please use white and solid colors. Avoid black, brown, and tan.

Hats in holiday colors (red, green, orange) or collegiate colors (blue and gold, green and white) are accepted. You may use several colors to make striped hats. When using up 'scrap' yarn, mix and match colors carefully. Please avoid variegated yarn.

Size

See the size chart on page two. Most hats should be size **large**.

Shape

The bottom (cuff) of the hat should be the same width as the sides. The cuff should not 'flare-out' wider than the sides of the hat.

Decoration

For safety reasons, please do not attach pom-poms, buttons, ribbons, etc.

Laundry

It is appreciated if hats are laundered after they are made.

The items must be laundered in a home that is smoke-free and animal-hair free. Any low-scent detergent or liquid softener is acceptable. Please do not use dryer sheets. Place each laundered hats in a new Ziploc bag.

****If you are not able to launder your donation, please do not place the hats in Ziploc bags.**

Thank you for donating your time and talent to CAMC babies!

Hat Size Chart

Size	Used for	Hat Width Inches	Hat Height Inches
Large – most needed	Full Term Newborn	6	6
Medium	Large Premie & Small Newborn	5 ½	5 ½
Small	Medium Premie	4 ½	4 ½

Lay the hat flat on the chart below.

- The Width must measure between 4 ½ and 6 inches.
- The Length should be equal to the width.

For safety, the hat should be short enough that it cannot be “cuffed up” (the cuff can come down and cover the baby’s face).

