

# La Vie en Rose Earflap Hat Free Pattern



## Pattern Description:

This is an **easy-difficulty**, yet stylish earflap ski hat crochet pattern for **babies to adults**, featuring pom-poms and string ties.

It's designed to be a great winter hat, suitable for crocheters comfortable with beginner patterns who wish to try something slightly more complex while remaining "easy". Six sizes are included for the whole family.

## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Approximately 100-200 yards, depending on size, of **Red Heart Comfort in “Petal Pink”** or **Red Heart Soft in “Rose Blush”**.
- **Yarn Weight:** #4 worsted weight.
- **Hook:**
  - **3.75 mm (F) hook** for 3-6 months and 9-12 months sizes.
  - **4mm (G) hook** for 6-9 months, toddler, child, and adult sizes.
  - A **3.25mm hook** can be used to make the 3-6 month size suitable for 0-3 month old babies.
  - (Or hook needed to obtain gauge for all sizes).
- **Notions:** Yarn needle for weaving in ends, scissors.
  - Optional: Clover Large Pom-pom Maker.

- Optional: 1/4 yd Fashion Faux Fox Fur Fabric – Silver (with an instructional video available).
- **Measurements:** (Does not include pom-pom, earflaps or ties. Measurements should be at least this big unstretched):
  - **3-6 month hat:** 5” tall by 7 1/2” wide.
  - **6-9 month hat:** 5 1/2” tall by 8” wide.
  - **9-12 month hat:** 6” tall by 8 1/2” wide.
  - **Toddler hat:** 7” tall by about 9” wide.
  - **Child hat:** 7 1/2” tall by 9 1/2” wide.
  - **Adult hat:** 8” tall by 10” wide.

## Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **sc** = single crochet
- **hdc** = half double crochet
- **dc** = double crochet
- **FPdc** = front post double crochet
- **sc2tog** = single crochet 2 together
- **st/sts** = stitch/stitches
- **sk** = skip
- **prev** = previous
- **Additional terms:**
  - **Shell:** 5 dc in designated stitch.
  - **Stitching in the “3rd loop” of hdc:** This loop is located at the back of the half-double crochet stitch, specifically the back loop of the sideways “V” formed by the yarn over. Working into it pushes the top of the stitch forward, creating texture.

## Instructions for Making the La Vie en Rose Earflap Hat Pattern:

### Common Crown Instructions (Rounds 1-5 for most sizes)

These initial rounds establish the crown of the hat and are generally consistent across all sizes, with adjustments for hook size based on the specific hat size.

- **Round 1:** 12 **dc** in magic circle, join with **sl st** to first **dc**. (12)
- **Round 2:** **ch 1**, **FPdc** around first **dc**, **dc** in next **st** **FPdc** around same **dc**, **dc** in next **st**; repeat from around, final **dc** is worked in the join, you should have one **FPdc** around each **dc** with one **dc** in between, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (24)
- **Round 3:** **ch 1**, **FPdc** around first **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 2 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 2 **sts**; repeat from around, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (36)

- **Round 4:** ch 1, FPdc around first FPdc from prev round, dc in next 3 sts, FPdc around FPdc from prev round, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from around, join with sl st to first FPdc. (48)
- **Round 5:** ch 1, FPdc around first FPdc from prev round, dc in next 4 sts, FPdc around FPdc from prev round, dc in next 4 sts; repeat from around, join with sl st to first FPdc. (60)

#### A. Sizes 3-6 Months (use 3.75mm (F) hook) and 6-9 Months (use 4mm (G) hook)

- Note: Using a 3.25mm hook can make the 3-6 month size suitable for 0-3 month old babies.
- **Measurements:** 3-6 month hat: 5" tall by 7 1/2" wide. 6-9 month hat: 5 1/2" tall by 8" wide.
- **Rounds 1-5:** Follow Common Crown Instructions above.
- **Round 6:** ch 1, hdc in each st around, join with sl st to first hdc. (60)
- **Round 7:** ch 1, working in the 3rd loop of hdc, hdc in each st around, join with sl st to first hdc. (60)
- **Round 8:** sk 2 sts, shell in next st, sk 2 sts, sl st in next st; repeat from around, final sl st counts as join. (10 shells)
- **Round 9:** sl st to center of shell from prev round, sk 2 sts, shell in sl st from prev round, sk 2 sts, sl st to top of shell from prev round; repeat from around, final sl st counts as join. (10 shells)
- **Round 10:** sl st to center of shell from prev round, sk 2 sts, shell in sl st, sk 2 sts, sl st in next st; repeat from around, final sl st counts as join. (10 shells)
- **Round 11:** sl st over to center of shell from prev round, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts; repeat from around, sc in final st of round. (60)
- **Round 12:** ch 1, hdc in each st around, join with sl st to first hdc. (60)
- **Round 13:** ch 1, working in 3rd loop, sc in each st around, join with sl st to first sc. (60)
- **Rounds 14-15:** ch 1, sc in same st as join, and each st around, join with sl st to first sc. (60)
  - **First Earflap:** From end of Round 15: ch 1, sc in next 10 sts, ch 1, turn. (10)
    - **Rows 2-3:** sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (10)
    - **Row 4:** sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. (8)
    - **Row 5:** sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (8)
    - **Row 6:** sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. (6)
    - **Row 7:** sc2tog, hdc in next 2 sts, sc2tog. (4)
    - Fasten off, weave in ends.
  - **Second Earflap:** Count over 20 sts from other earflap, attach yarn. Repeat Rows 1-7 for the first earflap. Then, sc evenly around the edge of both earflaps and the hat. Fasten off, weave in ends.

#### B. Sizes 9-12 Months (use 3.75mm (F) hook) and Toddler (use 4mm (G) hook)

- **Measurements:** 9-12 month hat: 6" tall by 8 1/2" wide. Toddler hat: 7" tall by about 9" wide.

- **Rounds 1-5:** Follow Common Crown Instructions above.
- **Round 6:** **ch 1, FPdc** around first **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 4 **sts** **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 4 **sts**; repeat from around, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (66)
- **Round 7:** **ch 1, FPdc** around first **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 4 **sts** **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 4 **sts**; repeat from around, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (66)
  - Note: To minimize holes from not increasing in the last round, **sk** the first **st** after the **FPdc** and work your **sts** for Round 7 starting in that second **st**.
- **Round 8:** **ch 1, hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (66)
- **Round 9:** **ch 1**, working in the **3rd loop** of **hdc**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (66)
- **Rounds 10-12:** Repeat Rounds 8-10 of the 3-6/6-9 month size, but with 11 shells instead of 10 (66 sts).
- **Round 13:** **sl st** over to center of **shell** from **prev** round, **ch 1, sc** in same **st**, **sc** in next **st**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts** **sc** in next 3 **sts**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts**; repeat from around, **sc** in final **st** of round. (66)
- **Round 14:** **ch 1 hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (66)
- **Round 15:** **ch 1**, working in **3rd loop**, **sc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (66)
- **Rounds 16-17:** **ch 1, sc** in same **st** as join, and each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (66)
  - **First Earflap:** From end of Round 17: **ch 1, sc** in next 10 **sts**, **ch 1** turn. (10)
    - **Rows 2-4:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1** turn. (10)
    - **Row 5:** **sc2tog, sc** in next 6 **sts**, **sc2tog, ch 1** turn. (8)
    - **Row 6:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1** turn. (8)
    - **Row 7:** **sc2tog, sc** in next 4 **sts**, **sc2tog, ch 1** turn. (6)
    - **Row 8:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1** turn. (6)
    - **Row 9:** **sc2tog, hdc** in next 2 **sts**, **sc2tog**. (4)
    - Fasten off, weave in ends.
  - **Second Earflap:** Count over 22 **sts** from first earflap, attach yarn. Repeat Rows 1-9 for the first earflap. Then, **sc** evenly around the edge of both earflaps and the hat. Fasten off, weave in ends.

## C. Child Size (use 4mm (G) hook)

- **Measurements:** 7 ½" tall by 9 ½" wide.
- **Rounds 1-5:** Follow Common Crown Instructions above.
- **Rounds 6-8:** **ch 1, FPdc** around first **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**; repeat from around, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (72)
- **Round 9:** **ch 1, hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (72)
- **Round 10:** **ch 1**, working in the **3rd loop** of **hdc**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (72)

- **Rounds 11-14:** Repeat Rounds 8-10 of the 3-6/6-9 month size (but with 12 shells instead of 10), plus an additional shell round, maintaining 12 shells (72 sts).
- **Round 15:** **sl st** over to center of **shell** from **prev** round, **ch 1**, **sc** in same **st**, **sc** in next **st**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts** **sc** in next 3 **sts**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts**; repeat from around, **sc** in final **st** of round. (72)
- **Round 16:** **ch 1**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (72)
- **Round 17:** **ch 1**, working in **3rd loop**, **sc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (72)
- **Rounds 18-20:** **ch 1**, **sc** in same **st** as join, and each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (72)
  - **First Earflap:** From end of Round 20: **ch 1**, **sc** in next 11 **sts**, **ch 1**, turn. (11)
    - **Rows 2-4:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1**, turn. (11)
    - **Row 5:** **sc2tog**, **sc** in next 7 **sts**, **sc2tog**, **ch 1**, turn. (9)
    - **Row 6:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1**, turn. (9)
    - **Row 7:** **sc2tog**, **sc** in next 5 **sts**, **sc2tog**, **ch 1**, turn. (7)
    - **Row 8:** **sc** in each **st** across, **ch 1**, turn. (7)
    - **Row 9:** **sc2tog**, **dc** in next 3 **sts**, **sc2tog**, **ch 1**, turn. (5)
    - Fasten off, weave in ends.
  - **Second Earflap:** Count 24 **sts** over from first earflap and attach yarn. Repeat Rows 1-9 for the first earflap. Then, **sc** evenly around the edge of both earflaps and the hat. Fasten off, weave in ends.

#### D. Adult Size (use 4mm (G) hook)

- **Measurements:** 8" tall by 10" wide.
- **Rounds 1-6:** Follow Common Crown Instructions above, adjusting for Round 6 to have 60 sts similar to child size.
- **Rounds 7-9:** **ch 1**, **FPdc** around first **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 6 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**, **FPdc** around next **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 6 **sts**, **FPdc** around **FPdc** from **prev** round, **dc** in next 5 **sts**; repeat from around, join with **sl st** to first **FPdc**. (78)
  - Note: To minimize holes from not increasing, **sk** the first **st** after the **FPdc** and work your **sts** for Rounds 7 and 9 starting in that second **st**, while skipping the last **st** in Round 8.
- **Round 10:** **ch 1**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (78)
- **Round 11:** **ch 1**, working in the **3rd loop** of **hdc**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (78)
- **Rounds 12-15:** Repeat Rounds 8-10 of the 3-6/6-9 month size (but with 13 shells instead of 10), plus two additional shell rounds, maintaining 13 shells (78 sts).
- **Round 16:** **sl st** over to center of **shell** from **prev** round, **ch 1**, **sc** in same **st**, **sc** in next **st**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts** **sc** in next 3 **sts**, **hdc** in next 3 **sts**; repeat from around, **sc** in final **st** of round. (78)
- **Round 17:** **ch 1**, **hdc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **hdc**. (78)
- **Round 18:** **ch 1**, working in **3rd loop**, **sc** in each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (78)
- **Rounds 19-21:** **ch 1**, **sc** in same **st** as join, and each **st** around, join with **sl st** to first **sc**. (78)
  - **First Earflap:** From end of Round 21: **ch 1**, **sc** in next 12 **sts**, **ch 1**, turn. (12)

- **Rows 2-4:** sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (12)
- **Row 5:** sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. (10)
- **Row 6:** sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (10)
- **Row 7:** sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog, ch1, turn. (8)
- **Row 8:** sc in each st across, turn. (8)
- **Row 9:** sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. (6)
- **Row 10:** sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (6)
- **Row 11:** sc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, sc2tog. (4)
- Fasten off, weave in ends.
- **Second Earflap:** Count 27 sts over from first earflap, and attach yarn. Repeat Rows 1-11 for the first earflap. Then, sc evenly around the edge of both earflaps and the hat. Fasten off, weave in ends.

## Finishing for All Hats

- **Pom-pom:**
  - Make a pom-pom and attach it securely to the top of the hat.
  - For baby/toddler sizes, the circle for the pom-pom was 4" across.
  - For child and adult sizes, the circle was 5" across.
- **Ties/Braids:**
  - **Choose one method for ties:**
  - **Crocheted Ties:** Attach yarn to the bottom of an earflap, ch as long as desired. Then, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each st across. Attach securely to the bottom of the earflap. (The hat pictured has ties 50 chains long, measuring just over 12").
  - **Braided Ties:** Cut 9, 2 ft lengths of yarn for each tie. Thread them through the bottom of the earflaps and braid them. Finally, fasten off with a piece of yarn wound around the bottom section of the braid.