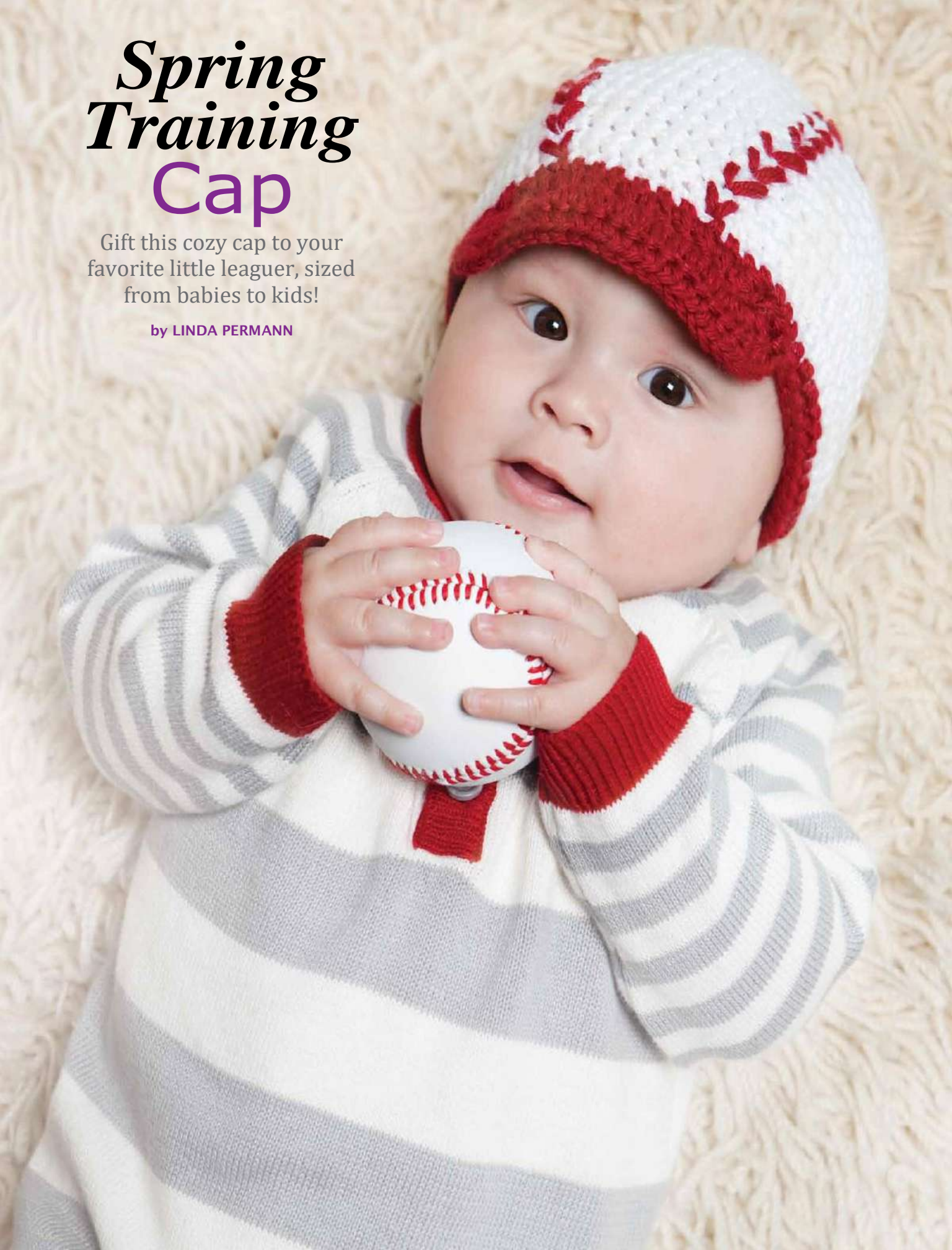


Spring Training Cap

Gift this cozy cap to your
favorite little leaguer, sized
from babies to kids!

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What You'll Need

YARN

RED HEART Soft, 5oz/141g balls, each approx 256yd/234m (acrylic)

- 1 ball #4600 White (A)
- 1 ball #4608 Wine (B)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size 7 (4.5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Tailor's chalk
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: EASY



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Soft in Wine



SIZES

Fits Baby/Toddler (Child)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Circumference Approx 15"/38cm (18/45.5cm), unstretched

Height Approx 5.5"/14cm (6"/15)cm from crown to bottom

GAUGE

Rounds 1–5 = 5"/12.5cm diameter.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

adjustable ring method Holding the yarn a few inches from the end, wrap around your finger. Do not remove wrap from finger, insert hook into the wrap and draw up a loop of working yarn. Ch 1 to secure the loop, and remove ring from finger. Work sts of first round in the ring. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

CAP

Starting at crown with A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—12 dc.

Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same ch as joining, 2

Tip To make the sides even, embroider the first half of the Vs on one side of the drawn line, then embroider other half of the Vs.



dc in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—24 dc.

Round 3 Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 dc.

Round 4 Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—48 dc.

Round 5 Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch 3—60 dc.

Child Size Only

Round 6 Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc] 11 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—72 dc.

All Sizes

Rounds 6–12 (7–14) Ch 3, dc in next dc and in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—60 (72) dc.

At end of last round, fasten off.

Note Try on Cap to check size before fastening off. Add rounds now if Cap is not long enough.

Round 13 (15) With RS facing, join B with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in each st around; join with sl st in first sc—60 (72) sc. Fasten off.

Brim

Row 1 With RS facing, join B with sl st in 22nd (26th) st after joining, sk next st, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 (5) sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 (5) sts, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next

st—18 (22) dc.

Row 2 Sl st in next 2 sts, turn; 2 dc in each of first 3 dc of Brim, dc in next 4 (6) sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 (6) sts, 2 dc in each of last 3 sts, sk next st on bottom edge, sl st in next st—26 (30) dc.

Round 3 Turn; working in sts of Brim, [sc in next dc, 2 sc in next dc] 3 times, sc in next 14 (18) sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 3 times, sc in each remaining st around bottom edge; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

EMBROIDERY

Flatten Cap so bottom edge lines up and brim is folded in half. With tailor's chalk, draw a semi-circular curve line along left side of Cap (see photo). Repeat on right side of Cap. These lines indicate where baseball sts are embroidered.

Thread yarn needle with double strand of B. Starting at end of line above brim, insert needle from inside to outside of Cap, through bottom-most dc that is closest to drawn line. Reinsert needle from outside to inside of Cap, one row up and one st to the right of the original dc, then insert needle from inside to outside through the st that is located two sts to the left on the same row. Reinsert needle from outside to inside in original dc one row below and pull taut—this creates a V-shaped st. Continue embroidering Vs in same manner all along drawn line. Repeat on other side of Cap.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. 