Notes and Stitch Explanation:

• Sc2tog - (insert hook into next st and draw up a loop) twice, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
• Hdc2tog - (YO, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, YO and draw through all 5 loops on hook.
• Count Ch 2 as a hdc throughout.
• Gauge: 6.5 hdc = 2 inches.
• Please visit my blog at www.micahmakes.com/blog/how-to-make-a-magic-circle for instructions on using the Magic Circle technique.
• The instructions for this pattern are for a solid color hat, but feel free to experiment with changing colors to create stripes. I will be sharing different ideas for this hat on my blog, so be sure to check back often or sign up for my newsletter.

Supplies:

• #4 Worsted Weight yarn (I used Vanna’s Choice), approximately 50 (60, 70, 85, 110, 135) yards total
• US I Hook (5.50 mm)
• Yarn needle for sewing in yarn ends

Versatile Earflap Hat
**0-3 Months (width measures 6.5")**

Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st and in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (42)
Round 7-11: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (42)

**1st Earlap**
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 8 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 6 sts; ch 1, turn. (7)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (7)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (5)
Row 5: Hdc2tog, dc in next st, hdc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.

**2nd Earlap**
Holding hat upside down with the first earlap on the left, count to the right 19 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 6 sts. Continue with rows 2-5 for the first earlap.

**Edging**
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earlap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.

**3-6 Months (width measures 7")**

Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st and in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 7 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (45)
Round 7-12: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (45)

1st Earflap
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 9 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 7 sts; ch 1, turn. (8)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (8)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (6)
Row 5: Hdc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.

2nd Earflap
Holding hat upside down with the first earflap on the left, count to the right 20 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 7 sts. Continue with rows 2-5 for the first earflap.

Edging
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earflap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.

6-12 Months (width measures 8.5")
Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st and in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (48)
Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 7 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (54)
Round 8-13: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (54)

1st Earflap
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 10 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 8 sts; ch 1, turn. (9)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (9)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (7)
Row 5: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (7)
Row 6: Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (5)
Row 7: Hdc2tog, dc in next st, hdc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.
2nd Earflap
Holding hat upside down with the first earflap on the left, count to the right 24 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 8 sts. Continue with rows 2-7 for the first earflap.

Edging
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earflap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.

Toddler (width measures 9"
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Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st and in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (48)
Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, * 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (56)
Round 8: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 27 sts; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (58)
Round 9-15: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (58)

1st Earflap
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 11 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 9 sts; ch 1, turn. (10)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (10)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (8)
Row 5: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (8)
Row 6: Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (6)
Row 7: Hdc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.

2nd Earflap
Holding hat upside down with the first earflap on the left, count to the right 26 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 9 sts. Continue with rows 2-7 for the first earflap.
Edging
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earflap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.

Child (width measures 9.75")
Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (48)
Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (56)
Round 8: Ch 2, hdc in next 6 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts*s repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (63)
Round 9-18: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (63)

1st Earflap
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 12 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 10 sts; ch 1, turn. (11)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (11)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (9)
Row 5-6: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (9)
Row 7: Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (7)
Row 8: Sc2tog, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.

2nd Earflap
Holding hat upside down with the first earflap on the left, count to the right 28 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 10 sts. Continue with rows 2-8 for the first earflap.

Edging
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earflap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Teen/Adult (width measures 10.5")

Round 1: 8 Hdc in a magic circle; join. (8)
Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st and in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (16)
Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (24)
Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (32)
Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (40)
Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (48)
Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (56)
Round 8: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (64)
Round 9: Ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts * repeat around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (68)
Round 10-20: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with a sl st in top of ch 2. (68)

Note: If you like your hats to be very long, add one more round of hdc.

1st Earflap
Row 1: Ch 1, sl st in 13 sts, ch 1, sc in same st and in next 11 sts; ch 1, turn. (12)
Row 2-3: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (12)
Row 4: Sc2tog, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (10)
Row 5: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (10)
Row 6: Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (8)
Row 7: Sc across; ch 1, turn. (8)
Row 8: Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog; ch1, turn. (6)
Row 9: Hdc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog; fasten off and weave in end.

2nd Earflap
Holding hat upside down with the first earflap on the left, count to the right 30 sts. Attach yarn, sc in the same st and in next 11 sts. Continue with rows 2-9 for the first earflap.

Edging
Attach same color yarn in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around working evenly around each earflap. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Attach any color yarn you choose in any st at the back of the hat. Sc in same st and in each st around. Join with a sl st in the first sc; fasten off and weave in end.
Finishing

I call this the Versatile Earflap Hat because the rounded earflaps allow you to finish the hat any way you choose. The earflaps look great just as they are, or you can attach braids, tassels or pom poms. I will be posting additional ideas for this hat on my blog so be sure to check back often. Also, I would love to see your finished hats if you care to share your pictures in the Micah Makes Flickr group (www.flickr.com/groups/micahmakes).

I hope you have enjoyed this pattern, and if you have any questions at all, please email me at micah@micahmakes.com. Thanks!