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Oceana Toque

Abbreviations

approx approximately beg beginning bet between ВО bind off CC contrasting colour ch chain cable needle cn CO cast on cont continue double crochet dc dpn(s) double point needle(s) dec(s) decrease(s) foll follow(ing) hdc half double crochet hk hook inc increase including incl K knit Kl f&b knit 1 st in front and back ktbl knit through back loop kwise knitwise K2tog knit two together lp(s) loop(s) M1 make one M1Lmake one left MlR make one right MCmain colour purl pattern patt place marker pm passover psso pick up pu purlwise pwise rem remaining repeat rep rnd(s) round(s) RS right side SC single crochet sk skip sl m slip marker sp(s) space(s) slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog ssk st(s) stitch(es) st st stockinette stitch tbl through back loop together tog

WS

YO

wrong side

yarn over



This hat is the ultimate in versatility. The pattern can be adapted for any head size (adult and child) and almost any weight of yarn. You can make it up as a beanie or with a cute little brim.

Craft: crochet

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: ch, sc, dc, post stitch

Sizes: any

Finished Measurements: any

Gauge: dependent on yarn

Yarn: 100g, 150-200 yds (137-182 m) of any sport – bulky

weight yarn

Suggested Brand: 1 skein Misti Alpaca Chunky

Needles/Hooks: 5 mm or to suit yarn (see label)

Other Materials: tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook



Instructions:

Insert hook through both loops unless otherwise stated.

Ch a multiple of 8 sts + 1 until the string fits around your head or to the appropriate size (approx 56 sts for an adult, depending on the yarn used); join in a circle with a sl st, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnd 1: sc in each ch around, last sc goes into sl st; it is a good idea to count your scs now to make sure you still have a multiple of 8 + 1.

Rnd 2: *7 dc in next 7 sts, 1 dc in next st inserting hook through the front loop (front post double crochet, fpdc)*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 3: ch 1, *(skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1) three times, fpdc in next st*, repeat from * to * end of rnd.

Rnd 4: rep Rnd 3.

Rep rnds 2-4 until the hat reaches appropriate length, ending with a rnd 2 (approx 4-5 inches; about three pattern reps, depending on your yarn and head size).

Dec Rnds:

Continue in pattern as established, keeping fpdcs lined up.

Rnd 1: *sk 1 st, dc in next st, (ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st) twice, sk next st, fpdc*, repeat from * to * to end of rnd, (two "windows" per patt rep).

Rnd 2: *dc in next st, (ch 1, sk 1, dc in next st) twice, fpdc* rep from * to * to end of rnd, (no sts are decreased on this rnd).

Rnd 3: *sk 1, dc in next 3 sts, sk 1, fpdc*, rep to end of rnd.

Rnd 4: *dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, fpdc*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *sk 1, dc in next st, sk 1, fpdc*, rep from * to * to end of

Rnd 6: *sk 1, fpdc*, rep until hat is closed up.

Break yarn, weave in ends.

Brim:

Attach yarn to bottom of hat, using two strands held together

Row 1: sc across, working 2 sc in every 8th st (at each fpdc), until brim is desired width (approx. 30 sts, half the width or 3-4 patt reps), ch 1, turn

Row 2: sc in each st across (be sure to insert hook through both loops), ch 1, turn Repeat Row 2, working one increase at the end of each row by sc one onto the bottom of the hat.

On the last row, sl st into bottom of hat instead of a ch 1; turn and work one more row, sl st 1 at the very end to the bottom of the hat, cut yarn and weave in ends.



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