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Mint Chocolate Beanie (Crochet version)

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CRAFT: Crochet

DIFFICULTY: Intermediate

SIZES: S (L), sample shown in size small.

MEASUREMENTS: 20 (20)" in circumference and 7.5 (9.5)" deep, un-stretched.



“I’ve always wanted to design a pair of fraternal twin hats. In this crochet twin, only one color is worked at a time, switching every row. Front post double crochets are worked into stitches of rows below to create the bold lines on the surface of the work. The resulting fabric is very dense and comfortable to wear. Together, the twins are a great BFF or couple’s set without being overtly ‘matchy’.”

MATERIALS:

yarn Brown Sheep Nature Spun Worsted (100% wool; 245 yd [224 m]/3.5 oz [100 gm]; CYCA 4): #114W Storm (A), 1 skein, #N20W Arctic Moss (B), 1 skein.

(Hat may be worked in a single color with 1 skein)

hook(s) size H/8 (5 mm)
size I/9 (5.5mm)

Adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

notions tapestry needle, balloon for blocking

GAUGE:

16 sts and 20 rows = 4" in sc in BL using smaller hook before blocking. Gauge does not change with blocking.

STITCH GUIDE:

Invisible Join

Remove loop from hook. Insert hook into place specified to join. Place live loop back on hook. Pull loop through all loops on hook to join.

Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc)

yo and insert hook from front to back between the post of specified stitch and previous stitch, and then from back to front between the post of specified stitch and next stitch, yo and pull loop through posts, (yo and pull loop through two loops on hook) twice.

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NOTES:

As written, both sizes comfortably fit heads from 18-22 inches in circumference. Choose a size based on the length preferred.

In Body rnds 12, 18, 24, 30, and Crown Decrease rnds 2, 6, 10 the FPdc in MC cross over the FPdc in CC from the previous row

In Body rnds 13, 19, 25, 31, and Crown Decrease rnds 3, 7, the FPdc in CC do NOT cross over the FPdc in MC from the previous row.

In Body Rnd 3, FPdc are worked around sc 2 rounds below and 2 sts to the left of most recently worked st. It may help some crocheters to think of the FPdc as going around every sixth sc of rnd 1.

When instructed to work a FPdc around a FPdc of the same color 2 rnds below, work this FPdc around the nearest previous FPdc. (In A, the nearest FPdc will always be to the right. In B, the nearest FPdc will always be to the left.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

Band

Both Sizes

With larger hook and A, ch 72, join with a sl st to form a loop, switch to smaller hook.

Rnd 1 Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc), hdc in each ch around. Sl st in top of beg ch to join, do not turn, here and throughout - 72 hdc.

Rnd 2 Ch 2 (counts as 1 FPhdc), (1 BPhdc in next st, 1 FPhdc in next st) 35 times, 1 BPhdc in next st. Sl st in top of beg ch to join - 72 sts.

Rnd 3 Rep Rnd 2.

Rnd 4 Ch 2 (counts as 1 FPhdc), (1 BPhdc in next st, 1 FPhdc in next st) 35 times, 1 BPhdc in next st. Use invisible join (see Stitch Guide) in beg ch to switch to CC - 72 sts.

STITCH GUIDE CONTINUED:

Front Post Half Double Crochet (FPhdc)

yo and insert hook from front to back between the post of specified stitch and previous stitch, and then from back to front between the post of specified stitch and next stitch, yo and pull loop through posts, yo and pull loop through three loops on hook.

Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc)

yo and insert hook from back to front between the post of specified stitch and previous stitch, and then from front to back between the post of specified stitch and next stitch, yo and pull loop through posts, (yo and pull loop through two loops on hook) twice.

Back Post Half Double Crochet (BPhdc)

yo and insert hook from back to front between the post of specified stitch and previous stitch, and then from front to back between the post of specified stitch and next stitch, yo and pull loop through posts, yo and pull loop through three loops on hook.

Single Crochet in Back Loop (sc in BL)

insert hook through back loop of stitch, yo and pull loop through, yo and pull loop through both loops on hook.

Single Crochet two together in Back Loop (sc2tog in BL)

insert hook through back loop of stitch, yo and pull loop through stitch, insert hook through back loop of next stitch, yo and pull loop through stitch, yo and pull loop through three loops on hook.

Body

Both Sizes

Rnd 1

Ch 1 (does NOT count as st here and throughout Body and Crown Decreases), 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of each st around. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sc.

Rnd 2

Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join, (1 FPdc around FPhdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPhdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 4 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.

Rnd 3

Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 3 sts, (1 FPdc around sc 2 rounds below and 2 sts to the left of most recently worked st, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around sc 2 rounds below and 2 sts to the left of most recently worked st, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next st. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.

Rnd 4

Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.

Rnd 5

Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 2 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sk in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.

Rnd 6	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 2 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.	Rnd 11	Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc two rounds below and 2 sts to the left, sk joining st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.
Rnd 7	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sk in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.	Rnd 12	Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk joining st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.
Rnd 8	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 3 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next st. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.	Rnd 13	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 4 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sk in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.
Rnd 9	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sk in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 4 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to A - 72 sts.	Rnd 14	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 4 sts. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.
Rnd 10	Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 4 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sk in BL of next 5 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc two rounds below, sk 1 st. Use invisible join in first sc to switch to B - 72 sts.	Rnd 15 - 22	Repeat Rnds 3-10
		<i>Size Large Only</i> Rnd 23 - 34	Repeat Rounds 11-22

Crown Decreases

Both Sizes

- Rnd 1 Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc two rows below and two sts to the lft, sk joining st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts, 1 sc in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts, 1 sc in BL of next st) 11 times. Use invisible join to switch to A - 60 sts.
- Rnd 2 Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk joining st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts (1 dec'd), (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts) 11 times. Use invisible join to switch to B - 48 sts.
- Rnd 3 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 2 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc two rows below and two sts to the left. Use invisible join to switch to A - 48 sts.
- Rnd 4 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts. Use invisible join to switch to B - 48 sts.
- Rnd 5 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next st. Use invisible join to switch to A - 48 sts.
- Rnd 6 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next st. Use invisible join to switch to B - 48 sts.
- Rnd 7 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 2 sts. Use invisible join to switch to A - 48 sts.
- Rnd 8 Ch 1, 1 sc in BL of same st as join and in BL of next 2 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, 1 sc in BL of next 3 sts) 11 times, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A. Use invisible join to switch to B. - 48 sts.
- Rnd 9 Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk joining st, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts, 1 sc in BL of next st, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in B, sk 1 st, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts, 1 sc in BL of next st) 11 times. Use invisible join to switch to A - 36 sts.

- Rnd 10 Ch 1, 1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk joining st, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A, sk 1 st, sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts) 11 times. Use invisible join to switch to B - 24 sts.
- Rnd 11 Ch 1, sc2tog in BL of joining and next st, (sc2tog in BL of next 2 sts) 11 times. Use invisible join to switch to A - 12 sts.
- Rnd 12 Ch 1, (1 FPdc around FPdc 2 rounds below in A) 12 times. Use invisible join and fasten off - 12 sts.

Finishing

Using a tapestry needle, weave the tail in A through the back loops of the 12 FPdc left and cinch to close the top of the hat, knot to secure. Weave in all other ends. Wet-blocking the hat over the balloon is highly recommended.

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