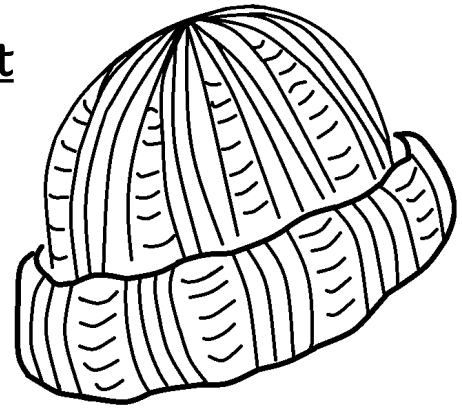


Easy Crocheted Hat

(with 4x4 rib)



1 - 3½ oz skein Brunswick Germantown worsted wt. wool (220 yards) or at least this much yardage of any medium wt. yarn - can be smooth or fuzzy

1 - J hook

Rnd 1 - Make a loop with the yarn and crochet a sc (single crochet) into it, ch (chain) 1, then make 15 dc (double crochet) into same loop, crocheting over both the loop and the tail (which will be pulled later to cinch up the beginning). This is essentially the same maneuver illustrated in Elizabeth Zimmermann's Knitting Workshop (Emily Ocker's Beginning) except that you are crocheting normally - not retaining loops on your hook.

Join - important - this particular join will be used throughout - its appearance blends in nicely with the pattern stitch soon to evolve. Now then - insert hook between the ch stitch post and the first dc post from back to front and make a slip stitch. (16 posts) Cinch up center with tail end. (This entire hat is done in a spiral - never turning to go back the other way.)

Rnd 2 - Ch 2 loosely, *make a dc in next stitch, dc around post of next dc in round below, inserting hook under the post from the front of fabric, repeat from * ending with a dc in final stitch, join. (32 posts)

Rnd 3 - Repeat Rnd 2. (64 posts)

Rnd 4 - Ch 2 loosely, dc around the next 3 dc posts - from the front, then dc around the next 4 dc posts - from the back, * dc around 4 posts from front, dc around 4 posts from the back, repeat from * around, join. (***)

Repeat Rnd 4 until hat is long enough to form a nice turned-up cuff around your ears.

(***) Helpful hint - mark the ch 2 at beginning of round with a piece of brightly colored wool to help remind yourself of the location of the join.

This hat has been a favorite in my family for many years and it always has a relaxing rhythm in the making -

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