

V-STITCH & SHELL CAP (crochet)

Size: Teen/Adult – stretches to fit approx. 21" circumference

Materials:

100 yds. light worsted or DK-wt. cotton or cotton-blend yarn
(sample shown in Tahki "Cotton Classic")

Size G hook, or size to achieve gauge

Tapestry needle

Gauge: In pattern, 1 shell + 1 V-stitch = 2", 3 rounds = 2" on size G hook

Stitches/Terms: beginning (beg), chain (ch), double crochet (dc), reverse single
crochet (rev sc), round (rnd), shell (sh), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st),
stitch (st), V-stitch (V-st)

Pattern notes: This is a close-fitting style, but the openwork pattern allows for
some stretch over the top of the head. Designed to be worn straight across the
forehead, with lower edge above or just covering the tip of the ears.

Special stitches:

V-stitch: (dc, ch3, dc) in same st

Shell: work (2dc, ch1, 2dc) all in same st

Cap

Rnd 1: Ch 4, join into ring (or use disappearing loop beginning method: wind
yarn around forefinger once, insert hook into loop, yo, pull loop through ring), ch
3, work 11 dc over strands of ring, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3 (pull yarn tail
to close ring)(12 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 6, dc in same st, *skip 1 dc, (dc, ch3, dc)(V-stitch completed) in next
dc, rep from * around, join with sl st to third ch of beginning ch-6 (6 V-sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 6, dc in same st, (ch 1, dc, ch 1) in first space, V-stitch in next dc,

*V-st in next dc, (ch 1, dc, ch 1) in next space, V-st in next dc, rep from * around, join with sl st to third ch of beg ch-6 (12 V-sts)

Rnd 4: Sl st in space of first V-st, ch 6, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next dc (the center dc of the ch1-dc-ch1 group), ch 1, V-st in next V-st, *V-st in next V-st, ch 1, dc in next dc (the center dc of the ch1-dc-ch1 group), ch 1, V-st in next V-st, rep from * around, join with sl st (12 V-sts)

Rnd 5: Sl st in space of first V-st, ch 6, dc in same st, ch 1, 3 dc in next dc (the center dc of the ch1-dc-ch1 group), ch 1, V-st in next V-st, *V-st in next V-st, ch 1, 3 dc in next dc (the center dc of the ch1-dc-ch1 group), ch 1, V-st in next V-st, rep from * around (12 V-sts)

Rnd 6: Sl st in next space, ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, ch 1, 2 dc in same sp (beginning shell completed), V-st in center dc of 3-dc group, (2 dc, ch1, 2dc)(shell completed) in next V-st, *shell in next V-st, V-st in center dc of next 3-dc group, shell in next V-st, rep from * around, join with sl st (12 shells, 6 V-sts)

Rnd 7: Sl st to first ch-1 sp of shell, ch 6, dc in same st (beginning V-st completed), shell in next V-st, V-st in center of next shell, *V-st in center of next shell, shell in next V-st, V-st in center of next shell, rep from * around, join with sl st (6 shells, 12 V-sts)

Rnd 8: Sl st in space of first V-st, ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, ch 1, 2 dc in same sp (beg shell completed), V-st in center of next shell, shell in next V-st, *shell in next V-st, V st in center of next shell, shell in next V-st, rep from * around, join with sl st (12 shells, 6 V-sts)

Repeat Rnds 7 & 8 twice more (12 rounds total)

Next round (work this round loosely to allow for stretch): Ch 1, work 4 sc over ea shell and 3 sc in space of ea V-st around, join with sl st (66 sc)

Edging round (work this round loosely to allow for stretch):

Work reverse sc in ea sc around, working from left to right around cap, join with sl st, fasten off and weave in ends.

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