


DIAMOND-EDGE HAT (crochet)



Skill level:  EASY

Size: One size: approx. 21" circumference by 8.5" high (unstretched) – will stretch to fit up to 23" head circumference

Materials:

Worsted weight  yarn in 3 colors in the following amounts:

125 yds. Main color (MC)

30 yds. Color A

30 yds. Color B

(Samples shown in Caron "Perfect Match" and Red Heart "Super Saver")

Size I/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook, or size needed to achieve gauge

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 13 sts & 9 rnds = 4" in half double crochet on size I/9 (5.5 mm) hook

Stitches/Terms: beginning (beg), chain (ch), continuing (cont), double crochet (dc), each (ea), half double crochet (hdc), hook (hk), increase (inc), loop (lp), remaining (rem), repeat (rep), round (rnd), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), stitch (st)

Pattern notes:

Crown of hat is worked in continuous rounds. Do not join or turn at end of rounds but continue in same direction throughout. Use a contrast thread or yarn marker to note beginning of rounds and carry it up as you work each round.

Diamond edging is worked in joined rounds.

Special stitches & techniques:

Disappearing loop beginning method: wind yarn once around finger, insert hook into loop on finger, yo and pull loop through, proceed as instructed in pattern. After the first few rounds are completed, pull gently on yarn tail to close ring.

Half-diamond: work 7 dc all in one stitch, as instructed in pattern.

Hat

Rnd 1: With MC, ch 4, join into ring (or use disappearing loop beginning method described above); ch 2, work 7 hdc in ring (8 hdc). On this and all following rounds before diamond edge, **do not join or turn**. Place contrast yarn marker to note beg of rnds and carry it up as you work.

Rnd 2 (inc rnd): Work 2 hdc in ea hdc around (16 hdc)

Rnd 3 (inc rnd): Work 2 hdc in ea hdc around (32 hdc)

Rnd 4: Work even on 32 hdc.

Rnd 5 (inc rnd): *2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc, rep from * around (48 hdc)

Rnd 6: Work even on 48 hdc.

Rnd 7 (inc rnd): *2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in ea of next 2 hdc, rep from * around (64 hdc)

Rnd 8: Work even on 64 hdc.

Rnd 9 (inc rnd): Work 2 hdc in first hdc, hdc in next 31 hdc, work 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 31 hdc (66 hdc)

Rnds 10-11: Work even on 66 hdc.

Rnd 12: Work even to last 2 sts of rnd, sc in next hdc, sl st in last hdc.

Begin diamond-edge pattern (begin working in joined rounds):

Rnd 13: Cont with MC, sl st in first hdc, ch 1, sc in same hdc, sk 2 hdc, work 7 dc in next hdc (half-diamond completed), *sk 2 hdc, sc in next hdc, sk 2 hdc, work 7 dc in next hdc (half-diamond completed), rep from * around, ending with sk last 2 hdc, join with sl st to beg sc (11 half-diamonds). Fasten off MC.

Join Color A in st where MC was fastened off.

Rnd 14: Ch 3; keeping last lp of ea st on hk, dc in first 3 dc of first half-diamond (4 lps on hk), yo and draw through all 4 lps on hk, ch 2, sc in center dc of same 7-dc group, *ch 2; keeping last lp of ea dc on hk, dc in ea of the following: the next 3 dc of same half-diamond, the next sc and the first 3 dc of next half-diamond (8 lps on hk); yo and pull through all 8 lps on hk, ch 1; ch 2, sc in center dc of same half-diamond, rep from * around, ending with ch 2, keeping last lp of ea dc on hk, dc in last 3 dc of last half-diamond (4 lps on hk), yo and pull through 4 lps on hk, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 15: Cont with Color A, ch 3, work 3 dc in same st at base of beg ch-3, *sc in next sc (between 2 half-diamonds), work 7 dc in center eyelet of next half-diamond (full diamond completed), rep from * around, ending with 3 dc in last half-diamond, join with sl st to top of beg ch-3. Fasten off Color A.

Join Color B in first sc to left of where Color A was fastened off.

Rnds 16-17: With Color B, rep Rnds 14-15. At end of Rnd 17, fasten off Color B.

Finishing: Weave in all tails.

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