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Material:

2.5mm hook and a 2.0mm hook

The yarn: The original hats on the website use 4ply Yarnart Begonia 169m/ 50gm balls. These are a mercerized cotton which makes that nice sheeny look.

I have used Patons Cotton 4 ply which is normal unshiny cotton. No reason. Just coz by the time I realised what the original yarn was, I'd already bought the boring stuff and started crocheting.

Notes:

The hat consists of 16 sections, designed to be 48cm in diameter. This should fit your average 2-3 year olds.

To increase or decrease 3 cm, you can add or delete a section.

Crochet Abbreviations:

The pattern is written using American terms. All my love and apologies to my fellow Australians for my lack of crochet patriotism and to the Poms for just being confusing, but it's the way I was taught so blame Auntie Chewie (my original crochet mentor).

- SL ST: slip stitch
- SC: single crochet
- CH: chain
- DC: double crochet
- FPDC: front post double crochet

Using a 2.5mm hook, Ch 5 and close to form a ring. Or do one of those magic ring things.

1st row: Ch 3 to form first double crochet. Or start with a Magic Ring. Then 15 dc in the ring. Sl st into the top ch of beginning ch 3 to close. 16DC (including first ch 3)



2nd row: Ch 3 to form 1st DC, then ch 1. In each DC of previous row, front post double crochet, then Ch1 around (FPDC, ch1 etc). When you get around to the end of the round, Sl st to the beginning ch3. Should finish with 16 FPDC & 16ch.



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3rd row: Ch 3 in the top of the previous ch 3 of Row 2. In the top of the same ch3 of the previous row FPDC, then ch1. In the top of the next FPDC previous row: DC, FPDC, ch1. Do this in each of the FPDCs of the previous round, then sl st in top of beginning ch 3. When completed you'll have: 16 Dcs (including beginning ch 3), 16 FPDC & 16 ch.



4th row: Ch 3. *Ch 1, FPDC in the next FPDC of the previous row, ch 1, DC in the DC of the previous row. Continue from * around until you get to the first ch 3. Sl st in the top of ch 3. Should have: 16 DC, 16 FPDC & 32 ch



5th Row: Ch 3. DC in the top of the ch 3 of the previous row, ch 1, FPDC in FPDC of previous row.

Continue in this pattern: Ch 1, 2 DC in top of DC of previous row, ch 1, FPDC in FPDC of previous row. Continue around to the end, then sl st in top of ch 3. Should have 32ch, 32dc, 16fpdc.



6th Row: Ch 3, DC in the same space (top of the previous rows ch 3), Dc in the top of the next dc of the previous row, ch1, 1 FPDC in top of previous row FPDC, then continue as follows: Ch 1, 2 x DC in next DC, DC in next DC, ch 1, FPDC in top of previous row FPDC. Continue around then sl st in top of ch3. Should finish with 32 ch, 48dc, 16 fpdc.

*a little bit i accidentally left out. Many thanks to a super clever but anonymous crochet queen who picked up that oversight!

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7th Row: Ch 3, dc in top of the same ch 3, dc in next 2 dc of previous row, ch 1, FPDC in next FPDC, then continue as follows around: ch 1, 2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, FPDC in next FPDC. Once around then sl st in top of beginning ch3. Should finish with 32ch, 64dc, 16 fpdc. Now we're finished with increases!!



8th Row: Ch 3, dc in top of the same ch 3, dc in next 2 dc of previous row, ch 1, then skip last DC of the previous row and FPDC in the FPDC of the previous row.

Skipping the last DC in each little group around the hat will start to create an overall spiral effect.

Then continue for the round: ch1, 2 DC in next DC of previous row, 1 dc in each of the next 2 dc, skip last dc, ch 1, FPDC in fpdc of previous row. Continue until the end then sl st into the top of beginning ch 3.



Row 8. See how we start the spiral by doing 2 dcs in the first little dc of the previous row, dc in each of the next 2 dcs then we skip the last dc. We still continue in groups of four and create that gorgeous spiral effect!

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Here's a wobbly work- in - progress pic after repeating row 8 about 10 times...

Repeat Row 8 x 15 more times or until you're happy with the length. The hat should now come just above or at your little grommits eyebrows (grommit being a quasi- affectionate Aussie term for child. Also used to describe surfers, and the little plasticky things doctors put into kids ears when they've got too much earwax).

Then you change to a 2mm hook and we do 3 rows of single crochet as follows:

The Single Crochet Rows:

Row 1: Ch 1. SC in the same space then sc around into the top of every ch and dc of the previous row for 2 rows. At the end of each row sl st into the beginning ch 1.



Row 2: Ch 1. Sc in same space, then sc in every sc of the previous row.



Row 3: Ch 1, sc in the same space then sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc and continue as follows: sc, sc, 2sc around to then end, then sl st in the ch 1 at the beginning of the row.

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BRIM:

Row 1: Ch 3, the FPDC into the same space the ch 3 started from, ch 1, DC into the next sc of the previous row, the FPDC into the SAME sc, then continue around: ch 1, dc in next sc of previous row, FPDC into the same sc. Continue till around, then sl st into the top of beginning ch 3.

For a bit of guidance, see photos below...



First do a double crochet in the sc of the previous row.



Then yarn over and insert the hook back into the same SC.

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And hook through around the post into the next SC along then yarn over and draw all the way back through.



Like this! Then yarn over again, draw through 2 loops, yarn over again and draw through the remaining 2 loops like a normal double crochet...



Ta- dah!!! Don't get too excited. You've got rows of these little buggers left to go.

For the remaining brim rows: Ch 3, FPDC into the top of the FPDC of the previous row, then continue around as follow: ch 1, DC in the top of the DC of the previous row, FPDC in the top of the FPDC of the previous row. Continue around, then sl st in the top of beginning ch 3.

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The original pictures and instructions seem to indicate you actually complete 6 of these rows to complete the brim.

I only did 5 because I felt that was enough. You may do more or less to your hearts content!

Last row: sc in each stitch of the previous row. Finish off!!



And here is my finished hat ready to decorate!

