



Brimming with Fun Cap

Here's a cap that suits any age. Make it in your favorite color and you'll look great even when the weather isn't! The post stitches give it a nice textural quality and make it fun to crochet.

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Hat circumference at bottom edge: 18"

RED HEART® "Soft Yarn": 1 ball 4601 Off White.

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].

Heavy-weight interfacing or stiff cardboard or plastic for brim, stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 dc = 4"; 9 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**
Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL STITCH:

Fpdc (front post double crochet): yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of indicated stitch and draw yarn through, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice.

CAP

Ch 4, slip st in first st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), work 7 dc in ring, slip st to top of beginning ch to join, place marker for beginning of round – 8 sts.

Round 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, 3 dc in each st around, slip st in top of beginning ch – 24 sts.

Round 3: Ch 3, [(dc and Fpdc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts] 7 times, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, dc in last st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 32 sts; 8 Fpdc.

Round 4: Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch 1 here and throughout), skip next st, [(dc and Fpdc) in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st] 7 times, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, ch 1, skip next st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 40 sts.

Round 5: Ch 3, dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st, *(dc and Fpdc) in next st, [dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st] twice; repeat from * 6 more times, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, dc in ch-1 space st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 48 sts.

Round 6: Ch 4, skip next st, dc in next st, *ch 1, skip next st, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, [ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st] twice; repeat from * 6 more times, ch 1, skip next st, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, ch 1, skip next st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 56 sts.

Round 7: Ch 3, *[dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st] twice, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next st; repeat from * 6 more times, [dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st] twice, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, dc in next ch-1 space, slip st in top of beginning ch – 64 sts.

Round 8: Ch 4, skip next st, *[dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st] twice, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st; repeat from * 6 more times, [dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st] twice, (dc and Fpdc) in next st, ch 1, skip next st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 72 sts.

Round 9: Ch 3, *[dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st] 3 times, Fpdc in next Fpdc, dc in next ch-1 space, dc in next st; repeat from * 6 more times, [dc in ch-1 space, dc in next st] 3 times, Fpdc in next Fpdc, dc in next ch-1 space, slip st in top of beginning ch – 72 sts.

Round 10: Ch 4, skip next st, *[dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st] 2 times, dc in next st, Fpdc in next Fpdc, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st; repeat from * 6 more times, [dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st] 2 times, dc in



next st, Fpdc in next Fpdc, ch 1, skip next st, slip st in top of beginning ch – 72 sts.

Rounds 11-15: Repeat Rounds 9-10, end with Round 9.

Round 16: Slip st in each st around.

Fasten off.

BRIM

Top Side

Mark 22 sts on front of Hat on Round 16 for Brim.

Row 1: With right side facing, join yarn in first marked st, working in front loops only, sc in each next 22 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loops in next 4 sts on Hat – 26 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loops in next 4 sts on Hat – 30 sts.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loop in next st on Hat – 31 sts.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loop in next st on Hat – 32 sts.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loop in next st on Hat – 33 sts.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loop in next st on Hat – 34 sts.

Fasten off.

Bottom Side

Row 1: With wrong side facing, join yarn on wrong side of Row 1 of Brim, sc in back loops of first 22 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loops in next 4 sts on Hat – 26 sts.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loops in next 4 sts on Hat – 30 sts.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loop in next st on Hat – 31 sts.

Row 5: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loop in next st on Hat – 32 sts.

Row 6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in front loop in next st on Hat – 33 sts.

Row 7: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, sc in back loop in next st on Hat – 34 sts.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Using Brim as a template, cut a piece of interfacing or stiff cardboard or plastic to same dimensions. Slip piece in between layers of Brim and sew Brim closed.

Weave in ends.



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ABBREVIATIONS: **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **Fpdc** = Front post double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.