Halloween Top Hat

Look like you just stepped out of a cinematic film in this fetching crocheted top hat! Deck it out with crocheted flowers, sequins and netting as we did, or let your creativity go as wild as you please.

Hat measures 7” (18 cm) diameter across top and 10” (25.5 cm) high.

Special Stitch(es)
sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Notes
1. Hat is worked in continuous rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. Place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.

HAT
Crown and Sides
With 2 strands of A held together and larger hook, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 1: Work 8 sc into ring—8 sc.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each st—16 sc.
Round 3: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—24 sc.
Round 4: [Sc in next 2 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—32 sc.
Round 5: [Sc in next 3 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—40 sc.
Round 6: Sc in each st.
Round 7: [Sc in next 4 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—48 sc.
Round 8: Sc in each st.
Round 9: [Sc in next 5 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—56 sc.
Round 10: [Sc in next 6 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—64 sc.
Round 11: Sc in each st.
Round 12: [Sc in next 7 st, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—72 sc.
 Rounds 13-16: Sc in each st.
Round 17: [Sc in next 7 st, sc2tog] 8 times—64 sc.
 Rounds 18 and 19: Sc in each st.

Brim
Round 20: [Sc in next 6 st, sc2tog] 8 times—56 sc.
Rounds 21-32: Sc in each st. Do not fasten off.

Hat Band
With larger hook and B, ch 9.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in ch, turn—8 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn.
Repeat Row 2 until hat band fits around the base of the top hat. Fasten off, leaving tail for sewing.

FLOWERS
Large Flower
With smaller hook and C, ch 25.
Row 1: Work 3 dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off.
Small Flower
With smaller hook and A, ch 17.
Row 1: Work 3 dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Loosely roll each row around in a spiral to form flower. Sew a button and bead in the center of each flower through all layers to hold its shape.

What you will need:
RED HEART® Super Saver®:
2 skeins 254 Pumpkin A, 1 skein each 312 Black B and 512 Turqua C

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks:
5mm [H-8 US] and 5.5mm [I-9 US]

Yarn needle, sewing needle, black sewing thread, straight pins, black netting measuring 18” x 8” (45.5 x 20.5 cm), 2½” (12.5 mm) buttons (for flowers), 1 package medium size beads (sample used Clubhouse Crafts Bright Bubble Bead Mix), 1 package sequins (sample used Mixed Sequins by Advantus Corp, 9 color pack), 1 package craft feathers (sample used Assorted Feathers by ZFP Company)

GAUGE: 12 sts = 4” (10cm) in pattern; 12 rows = 4” (10cm).
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

SHOP KIT
FINISHING

Hat band
With black thread and sewing needle, sew three rows of sequins down the center of the hat band. With ending tail threaded through yarn needle and wrong sides held together, sew the hat band seam. Slip the hat band onto the hat; sew in place. Pin flowers and feathers in desired positions and sew onto the hat band. Sew beads around the flowers.

Netting
With double thickness of black thread, baste across one long edge of the netting. Gently gather the netting by pulling the thread until it fits across the front of hat. Sew the netting under the hat band.

Brim
Roll up the sides of the brim up and pull the front and the back of the brim down for a more stylish appearance. With A, tack brim in place if desired. Weave in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.;
ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.