Slouchy Beret

This yarn changes texture and color four times, making this beret fun to crochet and a great accent to wear.

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Hat fits most women.
Hat Circumference measures 21".

RED HEART® Boutique™ Magical™: 1 ball 1012 Top Hat.

Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10.5].
Split lock stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: Rounds 1-3 = 4" in pattern; Rounds 1-11 = 14" in pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTE: Gauge may vary depending on which section of the yarn is being used; the yarn varies in thickness.

BERET
Ch 4; join with slip st to form ring.
Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 12 dc.
Round 2: Ch 4 (counts as dc plus ch-1), [dc in next dc, ch 1] 11 times; join with slip st in 3rd ch of ch-4 – 12 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 3: Ch 3, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join in top of ch-3 – 24 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 2 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 36 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 3 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 48 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 6: Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 4 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 60 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 7: Ch 3, dc in next 4 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 5 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 72 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 8: Ch 3, dc in next 5 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 6 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 84 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 9: Ch 3, dc in next 6 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 7 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 96 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 10: Ch 3, dc in next 7 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 8 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 108 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 11: Ch 3, dc in next 8 dc, dc in next space, ch 1, [dc in next 9 dc, dc in next space, ch 1] 11 times; join – 120 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces. Fasten off.

Band
Row 1: Ch 5; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch; turn – 4 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in back loop of each sc across; turn.
Rows 3-52: Repeat Row 2 until Band reaches 21" when gently stretched. Fasten off leaving 24" tail for sewing.

FINISHING
With split lock stitch markers, pin band in place to Round 11 of hat. Using yarn needle and tail from band sew Band to hat. Sew short ends of Band together. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.