

Knit Look Crocheted Toque

MATERIALS

- Estelle Colour Flair hat kit from Knot Just Yarn or approximately 100g/110m/120yds of a bulky yarn and a matching pompom
- 7.00mm crochet hook (or size needed to make gauge)
- yarn needle
- measuring tape

ABBREVIATIONS

CH = chain

SC = single crochet

HDC = half double crochet

REVSC - Reverse Single Crochet

BLO = back loop only

SLST = slip stitch

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

YO = yarn over



PATTERN NOTES

- This pattern is designed to fit an adult head but is completely customizable. To change the size, you need two measurements - the distance from your forehead to the crown of your head (height), and the circumference of your head (to find your circumference - create a band with your tape measure starting at the base of your neck and going around to the top of your forehead).
- The pattern was written for a head that measures 23cm/9" from forehead to crown, and with a circumference of 56cm/22". If you are altering the size, your starting chain needs to equal your height measurement + 1". You will work the number of repeats needed to create a piece that is approximately 1" smaller than your circumference measurement.
- If your head measurements are significantly bigger than the example, you will need a second ball of Estelle Colour Flair.
- To create a neater seam that is almost invisible, we will be working into the bar bar or bump of our starting chain. This gives a finished edge with v-stitches that mimic the top of your work and it will be easier to match up back loops when slip stitching your sides together.
- If you need to alter the number of repeats, end on an even row so that you finish seaming your toque at the bottom and can work the reverse single crochet edging without having to reattach your yarn.
- To create a neater bottom edge that is easier to work your reverse single crochets into, work under both loops of the first HDC of even rows, and the last HDC of odd rows.

SPECIAL STITCHES

- Half Double Crochet in the 3rd Loop - For this pattern your 3rd loop is located on the front of your work running parallel to, and just below, the V of your stitch. YO and insert your hook under this loop (coming up from the bottom of your work), YO and draw up a loop. With 3 loops on your hook, YO and pull through all three loops to complete your half double crochet stitch.

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SPECIAL STITCHES CONT'D

- **Half Double Crochet in the BLO (HDCBLO)** - YO and insert your hook down through the centre of the V of your stitch and out the back, YO and draw up a loop. With 3 loops on your hook, YO and pull through all 3 loops to complete your half double crochet stitch.
- **Reverse Single Crochet (REVSC)** - (This stitch is also called the Crab Stitch.) To make a reverse single crochet, insert your hook into the indicated stitch or space *behind* your hook. YO and draw up a loop then YO and pull through both loops on your hook. Keep working REVSC in this manner, always working into the next stitch or space behind your hook. For right handed crocheters, you will be working from left to right. For left handed crocheters, you will be working from right to left. In other words, *opposite* to how you would normally work a row or round.

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

With a slip knot on your hook, CH 31

Row 1 - (WS) SC into the back bump or bar of the second chain from your hook, and every chain to the end (30) CH1 and turn your work.

Row 2 - (RS) HDC in the first stitch (under both loops - see pattern notes) then HDCBLO in the next 25 stitches. SLST BLO in the last 4 stitches. (30) CH1 and turn your work.

Row 3 - (WS) SLST BLO in the first 4 stitches, then HDC in the 3rd loop of each in the next 25 stitches. HDC in the last stitch. (30) CH1 and turn your work.

Row 4 - (RS) HDC in the first stitch, then HDCBLO in the next 25 stitches. SC BLO in the last 4 stitches. (30) CH1 and turn your work.

Row 5 - (WS) SC BLO in the first 4 stitches, then HDC in the 3rd loop of each in the next 25 stitches. HDC in the last stitch. (30) CH1 and turn your work.

Rows 6 - 37 - Repeat rows 2 - 5 until your piece measures 22" wide or 1" shorter than your head circumference (see pattern notes).

Row 38 - (RS) Repeat row 2 once more.

Your piece should measure approximately 21" at the bottom and 13" at the top. See pattern notes for how to adjust this size if needed.

FINISHING

Sewing up the sides - With wrong sides together, SLST through the back loops of each stitch. Do not fasten off, we will continue to crochet around the bottom of the hat. CH1 and turn your work so the right side is facing you.

Edging - Evenly space approximately 56 REVSC around the bottom of your work. With 38 rows made, this means you need to work 3 REVSC for every 2 rows. There are no defined stitches along the bottom of your work so you will need to find spaces to work into. When you have made your way all the back to the beginning, cut your yarn and weave in both tails.

Cinching the top and attaching the pompom - Thread a length of yarn onto a yarn needle and, starting at the seam, weave your needle through the tops of each row, cinching as you go. When you reach your starting point, pull tightly (watch that you don't pull too tightly as this yarn is prone to breaking if pulled too much) and secure with a double knot and a few stitches. Don't cut your yarn but use it to sew the back of your pompom snap securely to the top, covering the small hole that is likely there. Weave in all ends, attach your pompom and enjoy your new toque!