



Elfitude

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This fast, easy hat has a looped-over point and a puffy doughnut brim. Crank a few out in red and green, but don't stop there--how about midnight blue or chartreuse or hot pink? This Christmas, show your true Elfitude!

Skill Level Easy

Sizes women's Small, Medium, Large

Yarn

183 - 201 yds / 168-184m worsted weight acrylic, wool, or blend in 3 colors

Main Color (MC): 71 yds (72, 75) / 65m (66, 69)

Second Color (SC): 41 yds (49, 53) / 38m (45, 49)

Contrasting Color (CC): 71 yds (72, 73) / 65m (66, 67)

Photo shows Red Heart Super Saver acrylic yarn in Hot Red (390), Burgundy (376), and Real Teal (656).

Additional Materials

crochet hook: US size L / 8.00 mm

removable stitch marker

yarn needle (opt.)

Finished Measurements

full height: approx. 16" / 41cm; brim circumference: 21" (23, 25) / 53.5cm (58.5, 63.5)

Gauge

11 sts x 14 rows = 4" x 4" / 10.5cm x 10.5cm flat swatch in single crochet

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Pattern Notes

- U.S. crochet terms
- Yarn – this hat turns out best with a stiff worsted weight yarn. Choose one that is not labeled “soft.”
- Sizing – starting chain numbers, etc. are given for a women’s size Small, with Medium and Large in parentheses. Measure your head circumference at the forehead to find the size that’s right for you: 20”/51cm is size Small, 22”/56cm is size Medium, and 24”/61cm is size Large. If you are between sizes, add 1-2 chains to the smaller size. The hat has about 1”/2.5cm negative ease.
- This pattern is worked with the foundation chain ring at the juncture between the brim and the upper section of the hat. The upper section is worked first, tied off, and then the rolled brim is worked from the other side of the foundation chain ring.

Abbreviations

CC - contrasting color yarn (brim) MC - main color yarn SC - second color yarn

ch - chain stitch

pm in lp on hk - place marker in loop on hook

sc - single crochet

sc-bl - single crochet worked only in the base stitch’s back loop

sc2tog - single crochet 2 stitches together

sl st - slip stitch

st bef mkr - stitch before marker

Instructions

Starting Ring: Using MC, ch57 (60, 63), sl st to first ch to form a circle - being careful not to twist the chain, place marker in loop on hook.

Upper Section

Rnd 1: Sc around to stitch before marker, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 2-7: Repeat Rnd 1, changing to SC for final loop of the last st in Rnd 7. (*Add rows here to lengthen head area.*)

Rnd 8: Using SC, [sc2tog, 13sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 9: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 10: 3sc, [sc2tog, 12sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 11: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 12: [Sc2tog, 11sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 13: Repeat Rnd 1, changing to MC for final loop of the last st, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 14: Using MC, 3sc, [sc2tog, 10sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 15: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 16: [Sc2tog, 9sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 17: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 18: 3sc, [sc2tog, 8sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 19: Repeat Rnd 1, changing to SC for final loop of last st.

Rnd 20: Using SC, [sc2tog, 7sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 21: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 22: 3sc, [sc2tog, 6sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 23: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 24: [Sc2tog, 5sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 25: Repeat Rnd 1, changing to MC for final loop of last st.

Rnd 26-30: Using MC, repeat Rnd 1, changing to SC for final loop of last st. in Rnd 30. *(Add or subtract rows here to lengthen or shorten.)*

Rnd 31: Using SC, 3sc, [sc2tog, 4sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 32: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 33: [Sc2tog, 3sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 34: Repeat Rnd 1.

Rnd 35: Repeat Rnd 33.

Rnd 36: Repeat Rnd 1, changing to MC for final loop of last st.

Rnd 37 - end: Using MC, repeat Rnd 33-34. End when there are 4 sts left in round-- on a decrease round.

Tie off, leaving a 6" tail.

Rolled Brim

Brim-Rnd 1: Using CC and working from the inside of the hat, pull up a CC loop in the last chain of the starting ring, sc around to first CC loop, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 2: Sc-bl around to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 3: Sc around to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 4-12: Repeat Brim-Rnd 3.

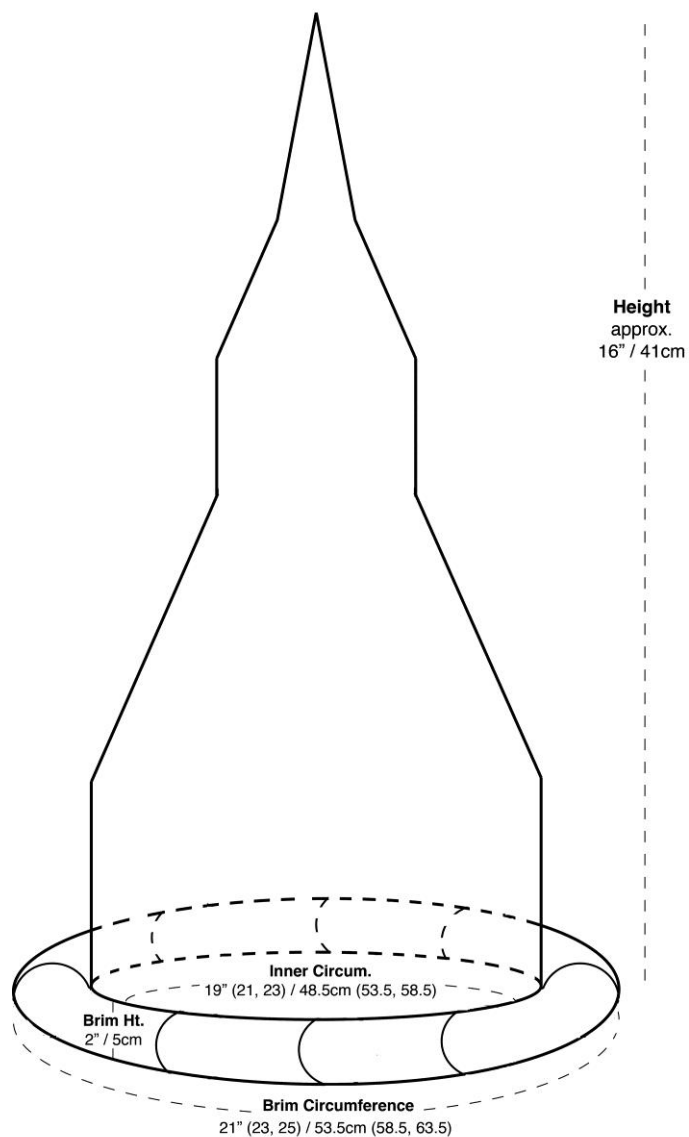
Brim-Rnd 13: Fold band toward the inside of the hat--straight in without trying to line up with beginning of starting ring, sl st to the nearest st in Brim-Rnd 2 (about 5 sts away from beg of starting ring), continue to sl st Brim-Rnd 13 to Brim-Rnd 2 sts all the way around.

Tie off.

To Secure the Point - Decide how far you'd like the point to flop over. In the photos on the next page, the red hat's point is attached at the bottom of the next-to-last stripe. The green hat's point is secured at the top of the first stripe from the bottom. At the spot you want the attachment, pull the point's tail through to the inside of the hat. Divide the tail into 2 strands, and pull one under the adjacent stitch. Tie the strands together.

To Secure the Brim - If desired, arrange the brim so it evenly covers the starting ring. From the inside of the hat, loosely stitch the hat and the inside of the brim together with 1 yd MC yarn and a yarn needle. Tie off.

To Wear - Once you've got it on your head with the brim covering the starting ring, moosh the brim a little so it sticks out like a doughnut.



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