

# beginner-friendly cap

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## what you'll need

### YARN

RED HEART, Ltd., *Bijou*,  
1 3/4oz/50gram balls, each  
approximately 84yd/77m  
(nylon/mohair/wool)

- 1 ball each in #3834 Very Berry (main color)

MODA DEA, *Cartwheel*, 1 3/4  
oz/50gm balls, each approxi-  
mately 77yd/71meters (wool)

- 1 ball in #9412 Misty (con-  
trasting color)

### CROCHET HOOK

- Sizes H/8 and J/10 (5 and  
6mm) crochet hooks *or any  
size to obtain correct gauge*

### NOTIONS

- Yarn needle

Beginners will love this cute project, written with lots of helpful hints and extra how-tos. This version contains standard crochet term abbreviations, but if you're not comfortable with abbreviations, pick up a copy of the August/September issue of Crochet Today on newsstands. There, you'll find the same pattern printed without abbreviations.



## SKILL LEVEL: easy

### finished measurements

Head circumference approximately 20 1/2"/52cm

### gauge

14 sts (7 dc and 7 ch-1 sps) and 6 rounds to 4"/10cm  
over dc st using MC and larger crochet hook.

Flower measures approximately 3 1/4"/8cm across  
using larger crochet hook (after felting).

Remember to check gauge for best results!

### how to make a gauge swatch

With larger hook and MC, ch 17.

**Row 1** Dc in 6th ch from hook (counts as 1 dc, ch 1 and skip 1 ch), \*ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from \* across, end dc in last ch—8 dc and 6 ch-1 sps. Turn.

**Row 2** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in first dc, \*ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* across. Turn.

**Row 3** Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in first ch-1 sp, \*ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* across, end dc in last st. Turn. Rep rows 2 and 3 once more, then row 2 once. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm.

### HAT

With larger hook and MC, ch 3. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring.

**Round 1** (right side) Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), work [dc, ch 1] 5 times in ring, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—6 dc and 6 ch-1 sps.

**Round 2** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps.

**Round 3** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—18 dc and 18 ch-1 sps.

## Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain(s)

CC contrasting color

dc double crochet

hdc half double crochet

MC main color

sc single crochet

sl st slip st

sp(s) space(s)

st(s) stitch(es)

\* Repeat directions following \* as many times as indicated.

[] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.

() Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.

**Round 4** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—24 dc and 24 ch-1 sps.

**Round 5** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—30 dc and 30 ch-1 sps.

**Round 6** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4—36 dc and 36 ch-1 sps.

**Rounds 7-12** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), \*dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from \* around, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-4. Change to smaller hook.

## Making the hat

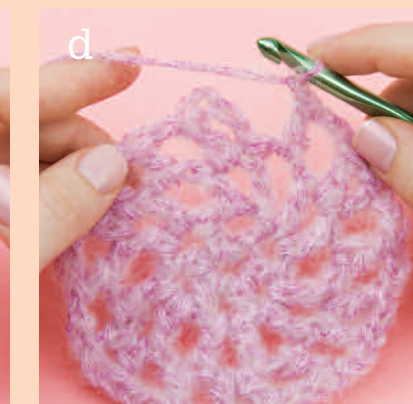
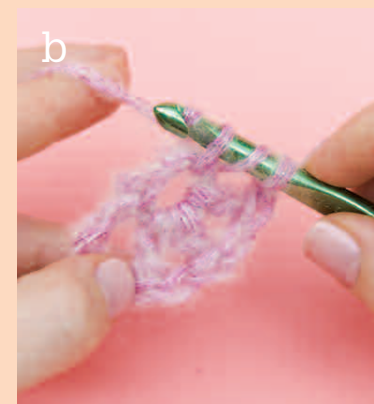
**a** Getting started:

forming a ring

**b** Round 1: working the first round of stitches directly into the center of the ring

**c** Round 2: working into the chain spaces of round 2

**d** Round 3: working into the chain spaces of round 3



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**Rounds 13 and 14** Repeat round 7. Fasten off. Weave in all loose ends.

## FLOWER

With larger hook and CC, ch 5. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring.

**Round 1** (right side) Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 21 dc in ring, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-3—22 dc.

**Round 2** Ch 6 (counts as 1 dc and ch 3), skip next st, \*dc in next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; repeat from \* 9 times more, join round with a sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-6—11 ch-3 lps.

### Back row of petals

**Round 3** \*Work (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 lp; repeat from \* around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Front row of petals

**Round 4** With right side facing, join CC with a sl st in any skipped dc of round 2, ch 3, \*sl st in next skipped dc, ch 3; repeat from \* 9 times more, join round with a sl st in first sl st—11 ch-3 lps.

**Round 5** \*Work (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 lp; repeat from \* around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

### Front row of petals

**Round 6** With right side facing, join CC with a sl st around post of any dc of round 1, ch 2, sk next 3 dc, \*sl st around post of next dc, ch 2, sk next 3 dc, sl st

around post of next dc, ch 2, skip next 4 dc; repeat from \* once more, join round with a sl st in last dc—5 ch-2 lps.

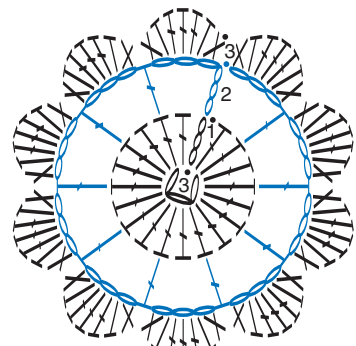
**Round 7** \*Work (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 lp; repeat from \* around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

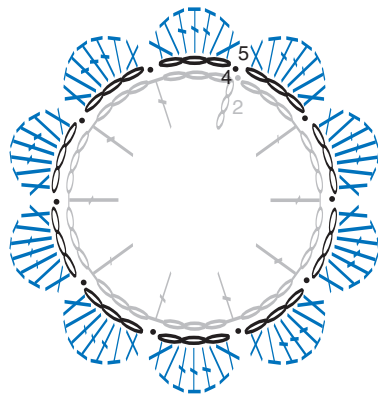
Weave in all loose ends.

### Felting flower

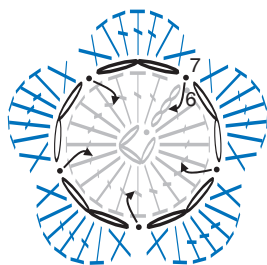
Place flower in a zippered pillowcase cover. Fill the washing machine to low water setting at a hot temperature. Add ¼ cup of a gentle detergent, pillowcase cover and a pair of jeans for extra agitation. Put in 15–20 minute wash cycle. If it is still too large, repeat process with progressively shorter cycles until measurement is achieved. Remove flower and rinse it in cold water to remove soap and stop felting process. Form flower into shape, then allow to air dry. (See photo h.) Sew flower to hat using matching yarn and yarn needle.



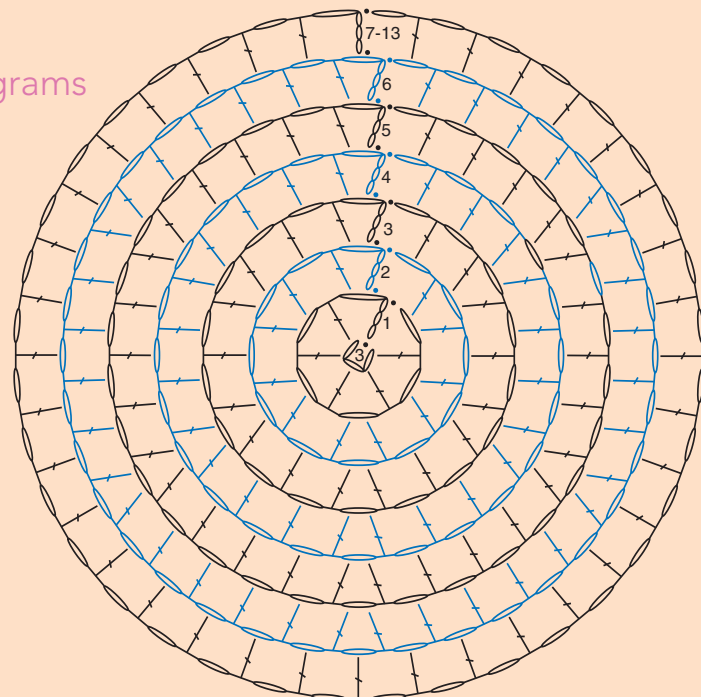
FLOWER RND 1-3



FLOWER RND 4-5



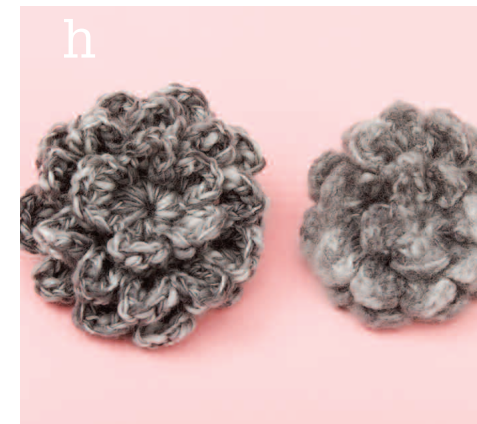
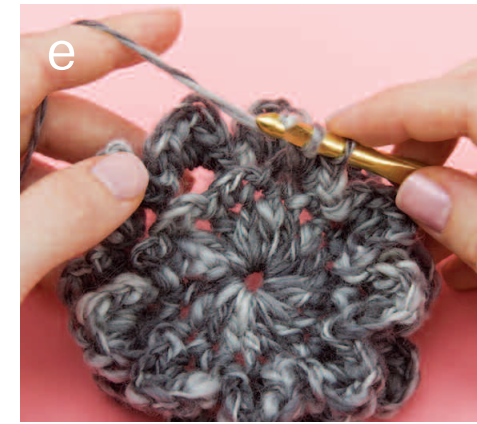
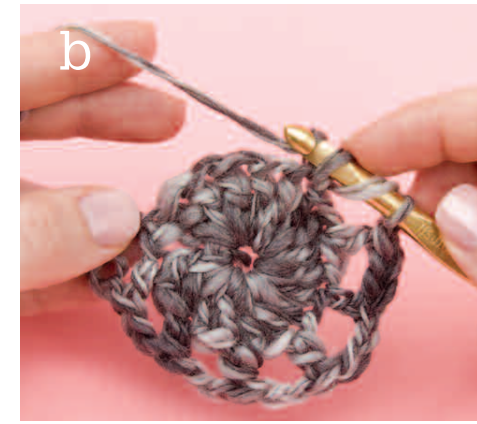
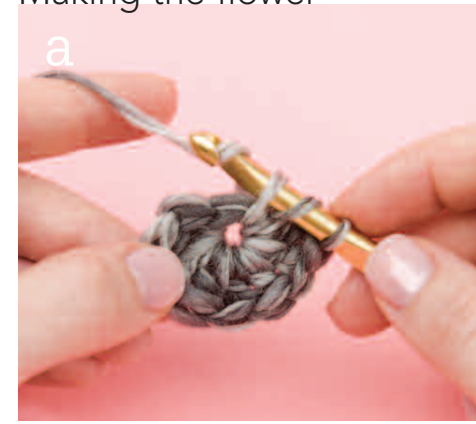
FLOWER RND 6-7



SKULL CAP DIAGRAM

## stitch diagrams

## Making the flower



↑ To work around the post of a stitch, insert your hook from front to back, right to left, around the vertical "post" of the stitch.

**a** Round 1: working 21 double crochets into the ring

**b** Round 2: working into every other double crochet from the previous round

**c** Round 3: forming the back row of petals by working into the loops of the previous round

**d** Round 4: working into the double crochet stitches that were skipped in round 2

**e** Round 5: making the petals by working into the loops of the previous round

**f** Round 6: working around the post of the double crochet stitches from round 1

**g** Round 7: making the petals by working into the loops of the previous round

**h** Before and after felting