

Santa Baby



My version of the traditional hat has a crocheted “pom pom” and a popcorn stitch cuff.

Materials:

Red Heart “Holiday” yarn, 1 skein each of Red and White
Crochet hook size J
Yarn needle

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

sts = stitches

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

PC = popcorn (work 5 dc in same st, remove last loop from hook. Insert hook through both loops of first dc, pull last loop through, ch 1)

rep = repeat

beg = beginning

dec = decrease (worked over 2 sts unless otherwise noted)

Note: All stitches are worked through both loops of st unless otherwise noted. Ch-3 at end of row counts as first dc at beg of next round.

Fits 15” to 17” head circumference. To adjust size, just increase foundation chain by multiples of 2.

Instructions:

(Note: I did not turn at end of rounds, because I wanted the “smooth” look this would give.)

With Red, ch 56. Join with sl st to form a circle.

Rnds 1 - 5: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, 7 dc, * dec, 8dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, 6 dc, * dec, 7 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 9: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 10: Ch 3, 5 dc, * dec, 6 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 11: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, 4 dc, * dec, 5 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 13: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 14: Ch 3, 3 dc, * dec, 4 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 15: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 16: Ch 3, 2 dc, * dec, 3 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 17: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 18: Ch 3, 1 dc, * dec, 2 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 19: Rep Round 7.

Rnd 20: Ch 3, * dec, 1 dc. Rep from * to end of round. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 21: Rep Round 7.

Fasten yarn, leaving a 6-inch length.

Cuff: Attach white to foundation chain of hat.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, dc in each ch around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3. **Ch 3, turn for this rnd only! This ensures that your popcorns will be on the correct side when you turn up cuff.**

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in each ch around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, * PC in next st, dc in next st; rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: PC in joining (ch-3 will be the first st in this PC), * dc in top of next PC, PC in next st. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 5: Rep Rnd 3.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Fasten yarn.

Turn up cuff, folding between rnds 1 and 2. Join White in a space between dcs. Working between dcs, sc around. Fasten yarn. Weave in yarn ends of cuff.

Pom Pom:

With White, ch 5. Join with sl st to form ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 15 dc in ring.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same space, 2 dc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, * dc in next st, 2 dc in next st. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch-3. Fasten yarn.

With yarn needle, weave yarn end through top of each dc of last rnd. Draw up tightly and secure with a few stitches. Sew onto end of hat. End by pulling yarn through to wrong side of hat and tying to red yarn tail. Weave both ends into wrong side of hat.