



Artisán Knitworks

Radically Wearable Designs

Gumdrop Hat



THIS EASY HAT...

...is crocheted seamlessly in the round from the top down. To increase the diameter, simply work one (or two) additional two-round increase sequences in the flat crown, add additional rounds of single crochet between the 'gumball' sections, or add rounds of front-loop single crochet at the brim. To make a child's hat, simply use DK-weight yarn. Model is about 19 inches in diameter (med. adult).

NOTE: When working gumdrops, don't work the DCs flat or short. Be sure to gather generous amounts of yarn for each yarnover.

Gauge: 3 SC/inch (for this hat especially, take time to make a gauge swatch in SC)

Tools: Size H crochet hook, or size required to achieve gauge; tapestry needle for finishing.

Yarn: Lana Grossa "Cinque Multi" (wool/acrylic blend, 100 grams), 1 ball, or 100 grams of another variegated worsted-weight animal-fiber yarn

Gumdrops (puffs): In the next space (or st, as instructed)), work 3 DC without completing the final YO, draw final YO through all 3 sts on the hook at once and slip to fasten. Ch 1 to move to the next puff.

Crown: Ch 3, join to form ring. Ch 1. Work 8 SC in the ring. Join to first stitch with a slip st; ch 1 to begin 2nd round (this ch 1 is the first SC in each new round).

Round 2: *(2 SC in next st, SC)*, around. Join, ch 1.

Round 3: *(2 SC in next st, SC in next 2 sts)* around, join, ch 1.

Round 4: *(2 SC in next st, SC in next 3 sts)* around, join, ch 1.

Rounds 5-11: Work SC as established, with 1 additional SC between increases in each round. If work begins to ruffle, tear back and work one round even (1 for 1). This likely will happen at round 4 or 5.

When crown measures about 6 inches across, work 1 round of spaced SC's (SC, ch 1 over st in row below) around, ending with ch1. Join. Ch 2 (becomes first DC in next round).

Begin puff (gumdrop) section:

Viewing the ch2 as the first DC in first cluster/puff, work puff st and ch 1 in every space around, followed by a final ch 1. At end of round, join to first puff with a slip st and ch 2 (first DC in next round).

Work three rounds of puff stitches in all; in final round, join and ch 1 to begin new round.

Work five rounds of SC without increasing.

Work three rounds of puff stitches without increasing.

To end off, work 5 (or more) rounds of FRONT-LOOP single crochet, join, and fasten off. Darn in ends, taking special care to strongly darn in the brim's yarn end.

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