CHEMO OR RAINBOW BERET

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One day I was asked to make several Chemo Hats for charity.

I came home and got all my yarns out. After playing with colors, fibers and stitches, I choose the cotton yarn, worsted weight. Ombre, variegated or solid colors work great, creating one of a kind, colorful, and cheerful summer beret.

I made lots of these hats.

Even my daughter got one. Well, she is "a hat girl", anyway.

It crochets up quickly and any oddments of yarn in a stash would disappear before your eyes.

You could make this hat in one evening.

Approximate time – 2-3 hrs.

Materials –

- Cotton yarn, worsted weight or #4 (I used mostly "Sugar'n Cream", 2.5oz/70.9g, 120yrd/109m)
- Crochet Hooks – I/5.5mm and G/4.5mm
- Scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape

Gauge – Not very important, since you could try the hat on at any time and adjust accordingly.

Use suggested hook sizes and yarn weight.

If you crochet tightly, you'll get size S/M; if you are loose crocheter you get size M/L.

I rather crochet loosely.

Pattern Notes –

- Finish every round by connecting the last and first stitch with a slip stitch.
- To start new row, chain 1 for sc rows, 2 for dc rows, and chain 3 for tr. Do not count chain as first stitch.
- Change colors as you please. You may carry the yarns on the wrong side of the hat or cut and crochet in the ends every time you change yarn.
- You can use acrylic yarn for some rows for special effects.
- You may add or subtract some repeats to make body hat wider or narrower.
- You may substitute a row of tr for row of dc and vice versa.
- You can add any embellishments to the hat – flowers, ribbons, hand-made buttons. You'll make one of a kind hat.

Abbreviation –

St – stitch

Sc – single crochet

Hdc – half double crochet

Dc – double crochet (one yarn over)

Tr – treble crochet (two yarn over)

Ch - chain

Sl.st. – slip stitch

…. - pattern repeat

Size –

Average woman size, approximately 21-22"

Body of Beret

Hook I / 5.5mm

Use magic loop or chain 4 sts and join them together.

Beginning row - chain 2

1 row – 11 hdc = 11sts

2 row – 2 dc in each st = 22 sts

3 row – * 3 dc in one, skip 1 st*, repeat from * to the end of row = 33 sts

4 row - * 3 dc in one, 1 dc in next, skip 1 st *, … = 44 sts

5 row - * 2 dc in one, skip 1, 3 dc in one, skip 1 *, … = 55 sts

6 row - * 3 dc in one, skip 1, 3 dc in one, skip 2*, … = 66 sts

7 row - * 2 tr in one, skip 1, 2 tr in 1, skip 1, 3 tr in one, skip 1 *, … = 77 sts

8 row - * 2 tr in one, skip 1 *, … = 78 sts

9 row - * 3 dc in one, skip 2 sts * , repeat from * to the end = 78 sts

10 and 11 rows = 9 row = 78 sts

Band of Beret

Switch to smaller hook size.

If your band is too tight – decrease less stitches.

If your band is too loose – use smaller size hook or decrease more stitches.

1 row - * chain 1, 4 sc, 2 sc tog *, repeat from * to the end of row

2, 3, 4 row – sc

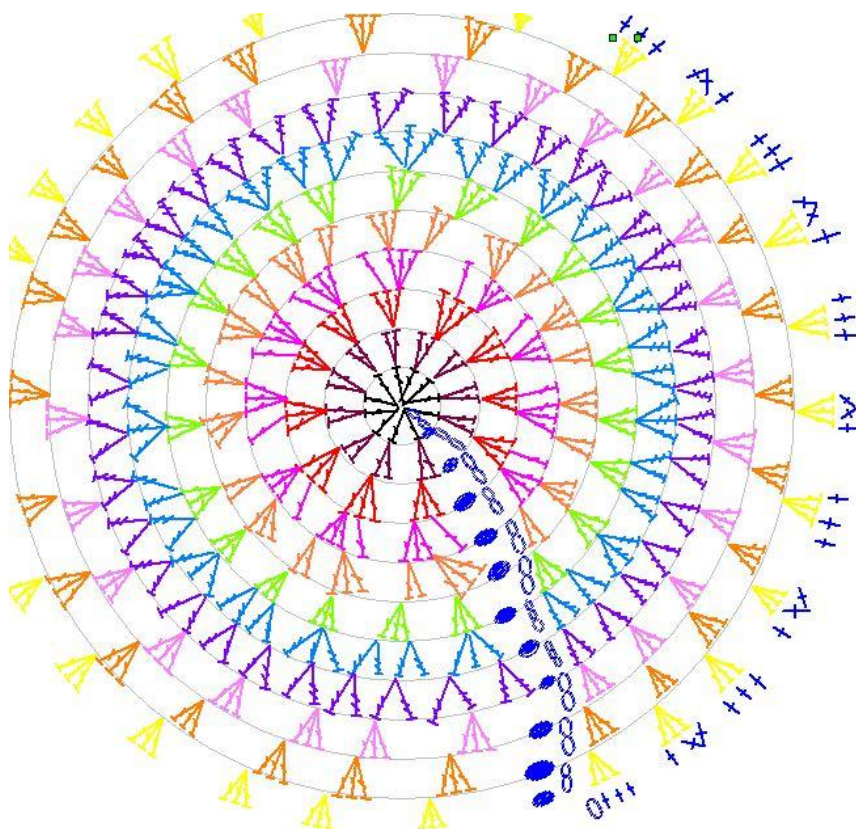Cut the yarn. Weave in the ends. Stretch your Beret slightly to shape.

Basic stitches tutorials can be found here –

http://crochet.about.com/od/crochetstitches/tp/basic-stitches.htm

Chart

- the <u>first row on the chart</u> (black color) is done in hdc
- only beginning of the first row of the Band is shown

⬭ = chain (ch)
• = slip stitch (sl st)
X or + = single crochet (sc)*

T = half double crochet (hdc)

T = double crochet (dc)

T = treble crochet (tr)

You may change pattern to suit your taste.

You may use it for yourself, charity projects or to sell.

In any case, please, give me a credit by mentioning my name.

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