Little Sister Hat

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EASY

Materials:

Approx 100-150 yards of Sport or DK weight yarn.

- Size F-5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook *or any size to obtain gauge*
- Yarn Needle

Optional, for flower:
- 2½" x 18½" strip of fabric (one fat quarter of fabric will make several strips)
- Scissors
- Hand sewing needle and thread
- One 1" (25 mm) diameter button

Sizes: Baby [Toddler, Child, Adult]

Finished Circumference:

14½ [16½, 18½, 20½].
Hats will stretch by about 2", to fit heads sized up to 16" (baby), 18" (toddler), 20" (child), and 22" (adult). *Yarn substitution may affect stretchiness of hat, so choose size accordingly.*

Gauge

4 shells worked over 9 rows (beginning and ending with a shell row) measures $4^{1}/_{16}$" by $3^{1}/_{12}$".
TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

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Shown in: Cascade Ultra Pima [100% Pima Cotton; 220 yards/200 meters per 3.5 ounce/100 gram ball]; one ball of #3752, light pink

As the little sister who often got stuck with hand-me-downs, having my own new dress to wear—custom made by my grandma—was a special treat. I like to think my three sisters and I would have worn a set of hats like these to go with our dresses if my grandmother had crocheted. Whether you're a crochet-curious knitter or a seasoned hooker, you'll love the results of this quick and easy pattern. It includes four sizes, from baby to adult, so you can make one for each of the "sisters" in your life.

Abbreviations

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch	**RS**	right side
sc	single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)	**WS**	wrong side
dc	double crochet	**sp(s)**	space(s)		

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Special Stitches

V-st (V-stitch): Work (dc, ch 1, dc) all in same stitch.

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Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook, * skip next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch (shell made), skip next 2 chs, sc in next ch; repeat from * across: 4 shells and 5 sc.

Row 2: [Ch 4, turn; dc in first sc (counts as
V-st)], ch 1, * skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, ch 1, V-st in next sc (see Pattern Notes), ch 1; repeat from * twice more, skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, ch 1,
V-st in last sc: 5 V-sts and 4 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in first V-st, * 5 dc in next sc, sc in next V-st; repeat from * across: 4 shells and 5 sc.

Rows 4-9: Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 3 times.

Finish off.

Pattern Notes

Hat is worked from the top down, beginning with simple sc stitches that radiate outwards into the shells and V-stitches that make up the sides of the hat. Pattern is written in baby size with changes for [toddler, child, adult] in brackets.

When the pattern directs you to work in a V-st, insert your hook in the space beneath the ch-1 of the V-st. Be careful not to work in either the dc before or after the ch-1 sp unless otherwise directed, as together the (dc, ch 1, dc) all counts as one V-st.

Crochet the Hat

Make an adjustable ring OR ch 4: join with a sl st in fourth ch from hook to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 7 [8, 9, 10] sc in ring; join with a sl st in first sc: 7 [8, 9, 10] sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around; join with a sl st in first sc: 14 [16, 18, 20] sc.

Rnd 3: [Ch 4, dc in same st (counts as V-st here and throughout)], dc in next sc, * V-st in next sc, dc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 7 [8, 9, 10] V-sts and 7 [8, 9, 10] dc.

Rnd 4: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, 2 dc in next dc, * V-st in next V-st, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 7 [8, 9, 10] V-sts and 14 [16, 18, 20] dc.

Rnd 5: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, V-st in space between next 2 dc, * V-st in next V-st, V-st in space between next 2 dc; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 14 [16, 18, 20] V-sts.

Baby Size ONLY

Rnd 6: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, sc in sp between V-st just worked and next V-st, * 5 dc in next V-st (shell made), sc in sp between V-st just worked and next V-st; repeat from * around, 2 dc in same V-st as beg ch-3; join with a sl st in top ch of beg ch-3: 14 shells and 14 sc.

Toddler, Child, and Adult Sizes ONLY

Rnd 6: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, dc in sp between last V-st worked and next V-st, * V-st in next V-st, dc in sp between last V-st worked and next V-st; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: [16, 18, 20] V-sts and [16, 18, 20] dc.

Toddler Size ONLY

Rnd 7: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, sc in next dc, * 5 dc in next V-st (shell made), sc in next dc; repeat from * around, 2 dc in same V-st as beg ch-3; join with a sl st in top ch of beg ch-3: 16 shells and 16 sc.

Child Size ONLY

Rnd 7: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, V-st in next dc, * V-st in next V-st, V-st in next dc; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 36 V-sts.

Rnd 8: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, sc in next V-st, * 5 dc in next V-st (shell made), sc in next V-st; repeat from * around, 2 dc in same V-st as beg ch-3; join with sl st in top ch of beg ch-3: 18 shells and 18 sc.

Adult Size ONLY

Rnd 7: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, V-st in next dc, V-st in next V-st, dc in next dc; * V-st in next V-st, V-st in next dc, V-st in next V-st, dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 30 V-sts and 10 dc.

Rnd 8: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 4, dc in same sp, V-st in each of next 2 V-sts, V-st in next dc, * V-st in each of next 3 V-sts, V-st in next dc; repeat from * around, join with a sl st in third ch of beg ch-4: 40 V-sts.

Rnd 9: Sl st in ch-1 sp of first V-st, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, sc in next V-st, * 5 dc in next V-st (shell made), sc in next V-st; repeat from * around, 2 dc in same V-st as beg ch-3; join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3: 20 shells and 20 sc.

ALL Sizes

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in same st, skip next 2 dc, ch 1, V-st in next sc, ch 1, * skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, ch 1, V-st in next sc, ch 1; repeat from * around; join with a sl st in first sc: 14 [16, 18, 20] sc and 14 [16, 18, 20] V-sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in first sc, sc in next V-st, * 5 dc in next sc, sc in next V-st; repeat from * around, 2 dc in same V-st as beg ch-3; join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3: 14 [16, 18, 20] shells and 14 [16, 18, 20] sc.

Repeat last 2 rounds 5 [6, 7, 9] times more, or until hat measures desired length.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

FINISHING

Lightly block the hat by spritzing it with water and placing it on a balloon inflated to the same circumference as the head size of the intended recipient, or lay flat to dry.

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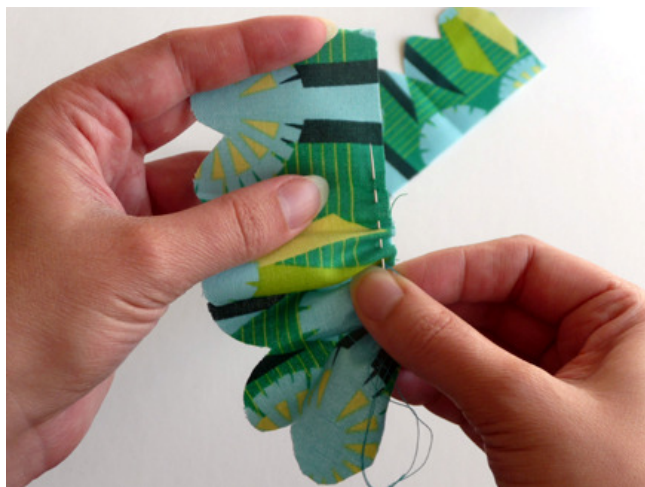
Sew the Flower

Step 1
Fold the fabric strip in a zig zag consisting of nine 2"-wide folds, making sure that folded edges stack on top of each other. You may have about ½" of extra fabric after making the folds—this extra length was for wiggle room. Cut off the extra length of fabric (if any).

Step 2
Beginning at one folded edge, about ½" from straight edge, cut a rounded "m" shape from the fabric—each hump of the M will form a petal. If you don't feel comfortable winging it, draw a template of your "m" shape on a 2"-wide strip of paper, then place it over the fabric as a guide.

Step 3
Unfold the strip. Thread your needle and baste straight stitches all the way up the long, straight edge of the strip. Pull thread very tight to gather the center of the flower.
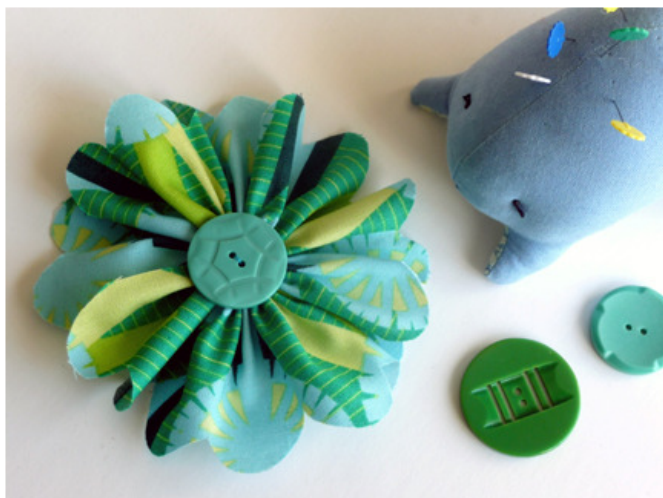
Step 4
Overlap the short ends of the fabric slightly to form the flower shape, then turn the flower over and tack the center gathers in place.

Step 5
Layer a button on top of the flower and sew the button and flower to your hat!

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I'd love to see your version of this hat! Please upload pictures to www.ravelry.com under the pattern name "Little Sister" by Linda Permann.

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