shabby hat:

Sharon Maher - laughing purple goldfish designs

description:

- this simple hat is quick and easy to crochet – suitable for a beginner
- the design is loosely based on the concept of a granny square
- US terminology used throughout

materials:

- yarn of your choice
  - looks best in a combination of DK yarn scraps
  - don't be afraid to combine different fibre types
  - approximately 50g in total

- hook required, as follows
  - toddler size– 3.5mm hook
  - child size – 4.0mm hook
  - teen size – 4.5mm hook
  - adult size – 5.0mm hook

- wool needle
- embellishment, if desired

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gauge:

- swatch worked in dc using 5.0mm hook
- 2 inches = 6 stitches, 2 inches = 3 rows

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special instructions:

adjustable magic ring
  - make a loop of yarn by wrapping in a clockwise direction around two fingers on the left hand
  - pinch the point where the yarn meets, between the thumb and forefinger
  - slide fingers out so that the ring can be used
  - place crochet hook into the centre of the ring, and pull a loop of the working yarn through - this is the starting point for the round
  - work as the pattern instructs for the remainder of the round - all stitches are worked around both the ring and the tail
  - when completed, the beginning tail can be pulled tight thus closing the ring

joining method
  - pay close attention to the specific instructions at the end of each round, as the joining stitch used varies throughout the pattern

instructions:

start	with an adjustable magic ring
round 1	ch4, [dc, ch1] 8 times, dc... pull ring closed join with a sc into 3rd ch at beginning
round 2	ch3, dc into space directly below, ch1 [2dc,ch1] into each of the next 8 ch1 spaces 2dc into final ch1 space join with a sc into 3rd ch at beginning
round 3	ch3, 2dc into space directly below, ch1 [3dc,ch1] into each of the next 8 ch1 spaces 3dc into final ch1 space join with a sc into 3rd ch at beginning
round 4	ch3, 3dc into space directly below, ch2 [4dc,ch2] into each of the next 8 ch1 spaces 4dc into final ch1 space join with a hdc into 3rd ch at beginning
round 5	ch3, 4dc into space directly below, ch2 [5dc,ch2] into each of the next 8 ch2 spaces 5dc into final ch2 space join with a hdc into 3rd ch at beginning
repeat	o repeat round 5 another 6 times for toddler size o repeat round 5 another 7 times for child size o repeat round 5 another 8 times for teen size o repeat round 5 another 9 times for adult size
finishing round	ch1, 2sc into space directly below sc into top of ch3, hdc [dc, ch1 dc] hdc, sc (across the 4dc) 2sc in ch2 space *sc, hdc [dc, ch1 dc] hdc, sc (worked across the 5dc) 2sc in ch2 space* repeat from * to * another 7 times sc, hdc [dc, ch1 dc] hdc, sc (worked across the final 5dc) join with a ss to sc at beginning
tidy up	o use the wool needle to securely weave in your starting and finishing ends o add an embellishment if desired