## Crochet Quickie: Hat



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I keep getting requests for the pattern for the little ear flap hat I use on my Yetis and Things. Well, ask no more because here it is!

## MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn in main color and contrasting color
- G Hook ( 4.25 mm )
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker


## STITCHES \& ABBREVIATIONS

CH Chain Stitch
SC Single Crochet
HDC Half Double Crochet
DC Double Crochet
TC Treble (Triple) Crochet
DECR Single Crochet Decrease
SL Slip Stitch
ST/S Stitch/Stitches
MM Move Marker
FO Finish Off

## PATTERN NOTES

For the project used in the photos, I used Red Heart Super Saver yarn. You can use any kind of yarn and any color combination but keep in mind that you may need to adjust your hook size to get a good final project!

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## PART 1: HAT

Because this piece is worked in a continuous spiral, you may want to use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds.

Round 1: CH 2. 6 SC in second chain from hook. Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of
 the round.

Round 2: 2 SC in each ST around (12 SC). MM.
Round 3: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 4: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 2 STS. Repeat from * around ( 24 SC ). MM.

Round 5: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of 3 three STS. Repeat from * around ( 30 SC ). MM.

Round 6: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 4 STS.
Repeat from * around ( 36 SC ). MM.
Rounds 7-11: SC in each ST around (36 SC). MM.
Note: After round 11, do not finish off. Continue with Part 2: Ear 1.

## PART 2: EAR 1

Ear 1 is continued from round 11 of Part 1: Hat. This section is worked in rows.

Row 1: SC in each of the next 5 STS (5 SC). CH 1 and turn.

Row 2: DECR across first 2 STS. SC in next, then DECR across remaining 2 STS (3 STS). CH 1 and turn.

Row 3: DECR across first 2 STS. SC in remaining ST. FO.
Note: I like to leave a long tail when I finish off the ear flaps and then include that tail in the braid. You could also weave in this end.

## PART 3: EAR 2

This section is also worked in rows.
Row 1: Count over 13 STS from the last SC in Row 1 of Ear 1 and join yarn. SC in each of the next 5 STS ( 5 SC ). CH 1 and turn.

Row 2: DECR across first 2 STS. SC in next, then DECR across remaining 2 STS (3 STS). CH 1 and turn.
Row 3: DECR across first 2 STS. SC in remaining ST. FO.
Note: Like with ear 1, I like to leave a long tail when I finish off the ear flaps and then include that tail in the braid. You could also weave in this end.

## PART 4: TRIM

To make the trim, join a contrasting color anywhere in round 11 from Part 1: Hat. SC evenly around the outside edge of the hat, making 2 SC in the bottom corners of each ear flap, as shown below.


## PART 5: BRAIDS

To make the braids:

1. Cut three $12-14$ inch ( $30-36 \mathrm{~cm}$ ) lengths of yarn in each of your two colors.
2. Fold the lengths in half and use your hook to pull a half-length through row 3 of the ear flap.

3. Separate into three groups of four strands and braid.


## PART 6: POM-POM

I prefer loopy pom-poms to the fuzzy ones you get from a pom-pom maker because they're harder for busy little fingers to worry apart. If you prefer to make your pom-poms another way, please feel free!

1. Wrap both colors of yarn around the index and middle fingers of your non-dominant hand.
2. Cut the contrasting color to match the width of the pom-pom and the main color with an 8 inch (20 $\mathrm{cm})$ tail.
3. Using the tail from the main color, secure the center of the pom-pom, as shown below.

4. Remove the pom-pom from your fingers and fluff.

5. Sew the pom-pom securely onto the finished hat.

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