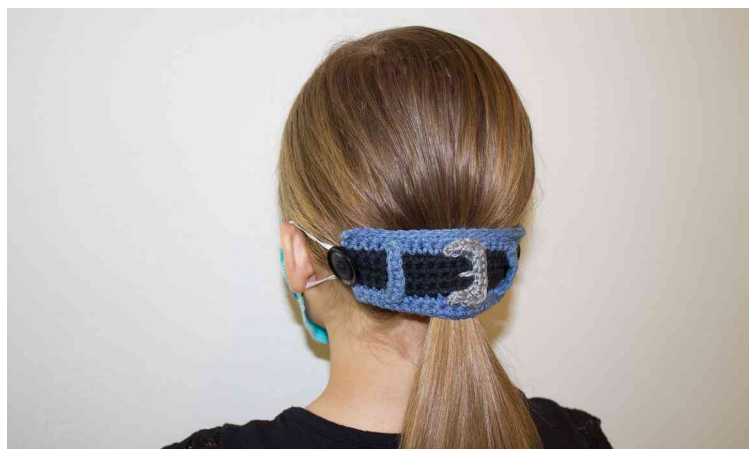# CROCHET JEANS STYLE EAR SAVER PATTERN

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MATERIALS:

You can use any worsted weight/ cat. 4 yarns, but COTTON IS THE BEST FOR REPEATED HOT WASHING! (I just couldn't get any so the yarns I used are acrylic)

*Lily Sugar 'N Cream
    -Blue Jeans (MC) – Small amount
    -Black – Small amount

*Red Heart Soft Yarn
    -Light Grey Heather (BC)–Small amount

*Sewing needle with large eye

*2 Black Buttons (preferably 7/8" or 1")

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ABBREVIATIONS

Ch	Chain
TCh	Turning Chain
SC	Single Crochet
HDC	Half Double Crochet
DC	Double Crochet
st (sts)	Stitch (stitches)
SC Dec	Single Crochet Decrease (or SC 2 together)
sl st	Slip Stitch
MC	Main Color
BC	Buckle Color

SIZE:
5 1/2" x 2"

HOOK:
G Hook (4 mm)

GAUGE:
18 SC sts x 18 rows = 4" x 4" working with G Hook (4 mm). It is not necessary to match my gauge for this project, but if you would like your buttons to be about 5 inches apart then you will want to match gauge.

HELPFUL NOTES

*After a chain or turning chain you will always work next stitch in same stitch as chain unless otherwise indicated.

*When the pattern says "join" it means to join with a slip stitch in the top of the beginning stitch of round or row

*When you see ** followed by a number, that is indicating the number of stitches you should have done in that row or round. Chains & slip stitches do not count in this total.

*Instructions within brackets [ ] are a set and need to be done the total number of times indicated after the brackets. A set also can be done all in one stitch if indicated after the brackets.

*If you are not familiar with a magic loop (magic circle) then you can start with a ch 2 and SC the indicated number of sts in 2nd ch from hook. Or you can refer to YouTube tutorials.

BASE – Use MC and G hook.

Begin with Ch 24 (THIS WILL MAKE YOUR PIECE 5.5" LONG. IF YOU WANT ONE LONGER OR SHORTER, YOU CAN ADD ON CHAINS OR TAKE AWAY CHAINS AND THE PATTERN WILL STILL WORK OUT THE SAME)

Row 1: SC in second ch from hook, SC in remaining 22 sts **23 sts

Row 2: TCh 1, SC in each st across **23 sts

Drop MC and pick up BC (you will not carry the MC yarn along with you as you work the next 4 rows, but just carry it up the side of your piece at the end of row 4)

Rows 3-6: TCh 1, SC in each st across **23 sts

Finish off BC (leaving a long tail for sewing that you don't weave in) and pick up MC

Rows 7-8: TCh 1, SC in each st across **23 sts

Finish off and hide end.

BUCKLE - Use BC and G Hook

Ch 13

Row 1: Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, SC in next 2 sts, 3 HDC in next st, SC in next 4 sts, 3 HDC in next st, SC in next 2 sts, sl st in last st. **14 sts (and 2 sl sts)

Finish off leaving tail for sewing

BELT LOOPS (MAKE 2) - Use MC and G Hook

Ch 8

Row 1: SC in 3rd ch from hook and each st across **6 sts

Finish off, leaving tail for sewing

ASSEMBLY

STEP 1: Sew buckle down to the center of your piece with backstitch. When you get to the center of your buckle, do a straight stitch coming out from it to form the latch (See Figure A).

Figure A

STEP 2: Using the black tail, sew a button to one end (See Figure B). Sew on very securely, BUT not too tight up to the yarn because you need to be able to easily slide elastic under it. Pull the remainder of your black sewing tail through the black part of your ear saver over to the other end and use it to sew down the second button.

Figure B

STEP 3: Place the belt loops halfway between the buckle and button. Sew down each end leaving a little give so it's not too tight against the "belt" (See Figure B).

. . . AND YOU'RE DONE! CONGRATULATIONS!

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