

Star Beret

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Star for a star- the contrast colour runs through the back of the stitches in this beret, giving the look of weaving- see 'note' for directions.

RATING *** MEDIUM CROCHET

MEASUREMENTS

To fit head:

Small	Large
56cm	59cm

MATERIALS

Main colour (MC): Cleckheaton Country 8ply 1872 (red)	1	2
Contract colour (CC): Cleckheaton Country 8ply 0006 (black)	1	1

4.50mm crochet hook or THE REQUIRED SIZE TO GIVE CORRECT TENSION; hat elastic (if desired); wool needle for sewing in ends.

TENSION

This beret has been designed at a tension of 16tr and 8 rows to 10cm over treble fabric, using 4.50mm hook.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg = begin/ning; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimetres; **dec** = decrease, decreasing; **lp/s** = loop/s; **0**=(zero) - no sts, rows or times; **rem** = remain/ing; **rep** = repeat; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st/s** = stitch/es; **tog** = together; **tr** = treble; **yoh** = yarn over hook.

'Dec' = (yoh, draw up a lp in next st, yoh and draw through 2 lps) twice, yoh and draw through 3lps on hook.

Turning Chain = one, or more chains, depending upon the length of stitch required, worked at the beginning of a row.



BERET

Using 4.50mm hook and CC, make 5ch, join with a sl st to form a ring.

NOTE: 3ch at beg of rounds counts as 1tr.

1st Round: 3ch, 13tr in ring, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ...14tr.

2nd Round: 3ch, 1tr in same place as sl st, 2tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg...28tr.

3rd Round: 3ch, 1tr in same place as sl st, 1tr in next tr, * 2tr in next tr, 1tr in next tr, rep from * to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 42tr.

4th Round: 3ch, 1tr in same place as sl st, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 3tr, 1tr in each of last 3tr...55tr.

NOTE: When changing colour, use new colour to work last lp of previous st. Work sts over colour not in use, but do not pull carried colour too tightly. Alternatively, colour not in use can be carried loosely on wrong side of work.

5th Round: Using CC, 3ch, 1tr in same place as sl st, 1tr in each of next 4tr, 2tr in next tr, * using MC, 1tr in each of next 5tr, using CC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 4tr, 2tr in next tr, rep from * to last 5tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 5tr, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 65tr.

Above: Caitlin Smyth models the Star Beret.

6th Round: Using MC, 2ch, using CC, 1ch, 1tr in same place as sl st, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 2tr in next tr, * using MC, 1tr in each of next 6tr, using CC, 1tr in same st as last tr, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 2tr in next tr, rep from * to last 5tr, using MC, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 75tr.

7th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 7tr, * using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 7tr, rep from * to last 6tr, using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 85tr.

8th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 5tr, * using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 10tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 5tr, rep from * to last 8tr, using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 95tr.

9th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 4tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 3tr, * using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 14tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 3tr, rep from * to last 10tr, using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 105tr.

10th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 17tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 11tr, using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each tr to end ... 115tr.

11th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each of next 19tr, 2tr in next tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 12tr, using MC, 2tr in next tr, 1tr in each tr to end ... 125tr.

Size L only - 12th Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 1tr in each of next 23tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 13tr, using MC, 1tr in each tr to end.

Rep last round once.

Both Sizes - Next Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 9tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 1tr in each of next 11tr, using CC, 1tr in next tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 11tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 13tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 11tr, using CC, 1tr in next tr, using MC, 1tr in next tr, sl st in 3rd ch at beg.

Beg Dec:

1st Round: Using MC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 7tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 8tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 3tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 8tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 13tr, using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 8tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 3tr, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 115 sts.

2nd Round: Using CC, 2ch, using MC, 1ch, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 6tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 5tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 6tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 12tr, using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 6tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 4tr, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 105 sts.

3rd Round: Using CC, 3ch, 1tr in next tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 4tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 4tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 7tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 4tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 11tr, using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 4tr, using CC, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 95 sts.

4th Round: Using CC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 2tr, using CC, 1tr in each of next 9tr, using MC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 10tr, using MC, 'Dec', 1tr in each of next 2tr, using CC, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 85 sts.

5th Round: Using CC, 3ch, 1tr in each of next 3tr, using MC, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, * using MC, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 11tr, using MC, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each of next 2tr, rep from * to last 9tr, using MC, 'Dec', using CC, 1tr in each tr to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg ... 75 sts.

Break off MC.

6th Round: Using CC (and working over hat elastic if desired), 3ch, 1tr in each st to end, sl st in 3rd ch at beg.

Fasten off.