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Textured Sunburst Beret

Raised post stitches make a softly textured crown.

YARN	HOOKS	CROWN	TERMS
Merino DK	4.5 and 5 mm	About 28 cm	US crochet

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Before you begin

Make a beret with raised front-post ribs and a single-crochet band. It is designed for an average adult head, with a finished crown approximately 28 cm / 11 in across.

Check the gauge using the smaller hook. The beginning ch 3 counts as one double crochet. Change to the larger hook for the final slip-stitch round.

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Materials and stitches

Two 50 g balls of DK-weight merino yarn in cardinal red. Crochet hooks: 4.5 mm and 5 mm, or the sizes needed for gauge. Gauge using the smaller hook: 18 dc and 8 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in.

Abbreviations

ch = chain; dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; sl st = slip stitch; rnd = round; beg = beginning; yo = yarn over; FPDC = front-post double crochet; dc dec = double crochet decrease.

Special stitches

FPDC: Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back to front around the post of the stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw through two loops twice.

Dc dec: *Yarn over, insert the hook into the next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops. Repeat from * in the next stitch, then yarn over and draw through all three loops.



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Crown | Rounds 1 to 7

With smaller crochet hook, ch 4, join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 7 dc's in ring, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 8 dc's.

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in same st, 2 dc's in each dc around, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 16 dc's.

Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 2 - 32 dc's.

Rnd 4: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, * 2 dc's in next dc, dc in next dc, rep from * around, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 48 dc's.

Rnd 5: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in next dc, * 2 dc's in next dc, 1 dc in each of the next 2 dc's, rep from * around, end 2 dc's in last dc, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 64 dc's.

Rnd 6: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next dc, dc in next dc, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of last dc, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 1 dc between them.

Rnd 7: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in same dc (inc made), dc in next dc, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of last dc, dc in same dc, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 2 dc's between them.

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Raised ribs | Rounds 8 to 14

Rnds 8 and 9: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in each of the next 2 dc's, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc in next dc, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 10: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in same dc (inc made), dc in next 2 dc's, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next dc, dc in same dc, dc in next dc, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 3 dc's between them.

Rnds 11 and 12: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in each of the next 3 dc's, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc in next 2 dc's, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3.

Rnd 13: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in same dc (inc made), dc in next 3 dc's, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next dc, dc in same dc, dc in next 2 dc's, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 4 dc's between them.

Rnd 14: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in each of the next 4 dc's, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc in next 3 dc's, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3. Piece should measure approximately 11" across.

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Shape the band | Rounds 15 to 21

Rnd 15: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 sts (1 st decreased), dc in next dc, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc in next dc, dc dec over next 2 sts, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 3 dc's between them.

Rnd 16: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc dec over next 2 sts (1 st decreased), dc in next dc, rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc dec over next 2 sts, join with a sl st in top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 2 dc's between them.

Rnd 17: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), * FPDC around post of next st, dc dec over next 2 sts (1 st decreased), rep from * around, end FPDC around post of next st, dc dec over next st and top of beg ch-3 - 32 FPDC's with 1 dc between them.

Rnds 18, 19 and 20: Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), sc in each st around, join with a sl st in beg ch-1. Check for fit. More rows of sc may be added if necessary.

Rnd 21: Change to larger crochet hook. Ch 1, work 1 sl st in each st around, join with a sl st in beg ch-1. Fasten off.

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