



Jeannette's Retro Cloche

Materials:

- About 3-oz. light worsted weight yarn (this one was made of Caron Simply Soft Shadows (Opal) and Simply Soft (Off-White))
- Blunt needle to weave in ends and sew on flower
- Crochet hook size I (5.5 mm) for average size hat

Instructions:

Chain 4; join with slipstitch to make a circle.

Round 1: chain 2 (does not count as DC), 12 double crochet in the ring. Join with SS in top of first DC. (12 DC)

Round 2: chain 2, 2 DC in each DC in round 1; join with SS in top of first DC. (24 DC)

Round 3: chain 2, *1 DC in first stitch, 2 DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (36 DC)

Round 4: chain 2, *1 DC in each of first 2 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (48 DC)

Round 5: chain 2, *1 DC in each of first 3 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (60 DC)

Round 6: chain 2, * 1 DC in each of first 4 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (72 DC)

Round 7: chain 1, *SC in first stitch; skip 2 stitches and make 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches*. Repeat around, joining with SS in first SC.

Round 8: SS in back loop of next 2 stitches, chain 1, SC in next stitch (middle of shell). Work around, putting shell in the SC of the previous row, and SC in the middle of the shell from previous row. Join with SS

Repeat Round 8 until hat is the length you need (usually 7 to 8 inches from the top to the edge). If contrast is desired, switch to a different color at the beginning of any row by ending off the first color and joining the new color in the middle stitch of any shell. Work at least 2 rounds in the contrast color for a zigzag effect.

Last Round: chain 1, TURN, work SC around, putting 2 SC in the middle stitch of the shell and a SS in the SC of the previous row. End off. (If desired, the last row may also be worked in the contrast color)

Flower:

Chain 4, join with SS to make a ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, 8 SC in ring, join with SS.

Round 2: Chain 1, *SC, chain 2* around; join with SS

Round 3: Chain 1, *SC, 3 DC, SC in the chain 2 space* around; join with SS

Round 4: Working behind the previous rounds, *SS around SC in round 1, chain 4* around; join with SS

Round 5: *SC, 5 DC, SC in the chain 4 space* around; join with SS, end off leaving about 10" of yarn for sewing the flower on the hat.

Abbreviations: SS = slipstitch, SC = single crochet, DC = double crochet