Feather in My Cap
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SKILL
Crochet

DIFFICULTY
Intermediate

SIZES
Adult Small (Medium, Large)
Shown in Adult Medium size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Brim Circumference: 16½ (18, 21)"
Length: 8 (8¾, 9)"

MATERIALS
Rico Design *Essentials Soft Merino Aran* (100% superwash merino wool; 50g/109 yds)
• 001 Mustard – 2 balls (all sizes)
Hook: US Size G/6 (4 mm) *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Tapestry needle, removable stitch markers

GAUGE
16 sts x 12 rows = 4" in hdc
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

This jaunty hat creates a literal "feather in your cap" to wear around town! You'll feel pride in your creation, and joy from the compliments that are sure to come in. It's a clever way to bring an old idiom to life with your hands and hook.

This hat is crocheted in joined, turned rounds from the bottom up. All shaping occurs after the motif is complete.

You will use removable stitch markers to mark the first and last stitch of the feather motif. It is also recommended that you place a removable stitch marker on the first stitch of the round to mark the beginning of round and move it up with each new round. During shaping rounds, you will place removable stitch markers in each decrease and move them up each round.

STITCH GUIDE

Back Post Treble Crochet (BPtr)
Yo twice, insert hk from back to front to back around the post of the indicated st, yo, pull up lp (4 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (2 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 rem lps on hk.

Front Post Treble Crochet (FPtr)
Yo twice, insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st, yo, pull up lp (4 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (2 lps on hk), yo and draw through rem 2 lps on hk.

Front Post Double Treble Crochet (FPdtr)
Yo 3 times, insert hk from front to back around the post of the indicated st, yo, pull up lp (5 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (4 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 lps (2 lps on hk), yo and draw through 2 rem lps on hk.

Split Front Post Treble and Double Treble together (split FPtr,dtr,tog)
Yo twice, insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st, yo, pull up lp (4 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (2 lps on hk), yo 3 times, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the 2nd indicated st, yo, pull up lp (6 lps on hk) yo, draw through 2 lps (5 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (4 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo, draw through rem 3 lps.

Split Front Post Double Treble and Treble together (split FPdtr,tr,tog)
Yo 3 times, insert hk from front to back to front around the post of the indicated st, yo, pull up lp (5 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (4 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (2 lps on hk), yo twice, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the 2nd indicated st, yo, pull up lp (5 lps on hk) yo, draw through 2 lps (4 lps on hk), yo, draw through 2 lps (3 lps on hk), yo, draw through rem 3 lps.

Half Double Crochet 2 Together (hdc2tog)
Yo, insert hk into indicated st, yo, pull up lp (3 lps on hk), yo, insert hk into next st, yo pull up lp (5 lps on hk), yo draw through all 5 lps on hk.

PATTERN BEGINS

Hat Body

Ch 66 (72, 84), sl st to first ch to join, being careful not to twist.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 2 (chs count as st here and throughout), hdc in next and each ch around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn – 66 (72, 84) hdc.

Rnd 2 (WS): Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, FPtr around first hdc 2 rnds below, BPtr around next st 2 rnds below, * FPtr around the next st 2 rnds below, BPtr around the next st 2 rnds below; rep from * 7 (8, 9) more times [16 (18, 20) sts worked so far], FPtr around next st 2 rnds below, mark st just made to indicate first st of Feather Motif, FPtr around next 2 sts 2 rnds below, mark st just made to indicate last st of the Feather Motif, *BPtr around next st 2 rnds below, FPtr around next st 2 rnds below; rep from *around, sl st to 1st FP st made, turn.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in each st until 2 sts bef m 2 rnds below, FPdtr in m st 2 rnds below, *move m to st just made,* FPdtr in next FP st 2 rnds below, FPtr in next 3 hdc 1 rnd below, *reaching hook backwards* FPdtr in same st of the last FPdtr just made, FPdtr in next m st 2 rnds below, *move m to st just made,* hdc in each st around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rnd 6: Rep Rnd 4.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdc in each st to m, split FPtr,dtr,tog across the m st 2 rnds below and 1st FPtr 2 rnds below, *move m to st just made,* FPdtr around

next FPtr 2 rnds below, FPtr in next 3 hdc 1 rnd below, *reaching hook backwards* FPdtr in same st of the last FPdtr just made, split FPdtr,tr,tog across the next FPtr 2 rnds below and next m st 2 rnds below, *move m to st just made,* hdc in each st around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rnds 8-12: WS rnds rep Rnd 4 and RS rnds rep Rnd 7.

Rnd 13: Ch 2, hdc in each st to m, split FPtr,dtr,tog across the m st 2 rows below and 1st FPtr 2 rows below, *move m to st just made,* FPdtr around next FPtr 2 rows below, sk next st, 3 FPtr in central hdc 1 row below, sk next st, *reaching hook backwards* FPdtr in same st of the last FPdtr just made, split FPdtr,tr,tog across the next FPtr 2 rows below and next m st 2 rows below, *move m to st just made,* hdc in each st around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn.

Rnds 14-15: Rep Rnd 4.

Crown Shaping

Rnd 1 (WS, Dec Rnd): Ch 2, hdc in next 8 (9, 11) sts, hdc2tog, pm * hdc in next 9 (10, 12) sts, hdc2tog, pm; rep from * around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn – 6 sts dec'd, 60 (66, 78) sts rem.

Rnd 2 (RS, Dec Rnd): Ch 2, hdc until 1 st bef m, hdc2tog, pm, * hdc until 1 st bef m, hdc2tog, pm; rep from * around, sl st to top of beg ch-2, turn – 6 sts dec'd, 54 (60, 72) sts rem.

Rnds 3-8 (9, 11): Rep Rnd 2, *continuing to turn at the end of each rnd.* – 36 (42, 54) more sts dec'd, 18 (18, 18) sts rem.

Rnd 9 (10, 12): Ch 2, hdc2tog, * hdc in next st, hdc2tog, pm; rep from * around, sl st to top of beg ch-2 – 6 more sts dec'd, 12 (12, 12) sts rem. Break yarn leaving approx. 8" tail. Thread tail through rem live sts and pull taut to close.

FINISHING

Gently wash and block to finished measurements. Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

*	indicates a repeat section
approx	approximately
bef	before
beg	begin(ning)
ch	chain
hdc	half double crochet
hk	hook
lp(s)	loop(s)
m	marker
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sk	skip
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

Stitch Chart
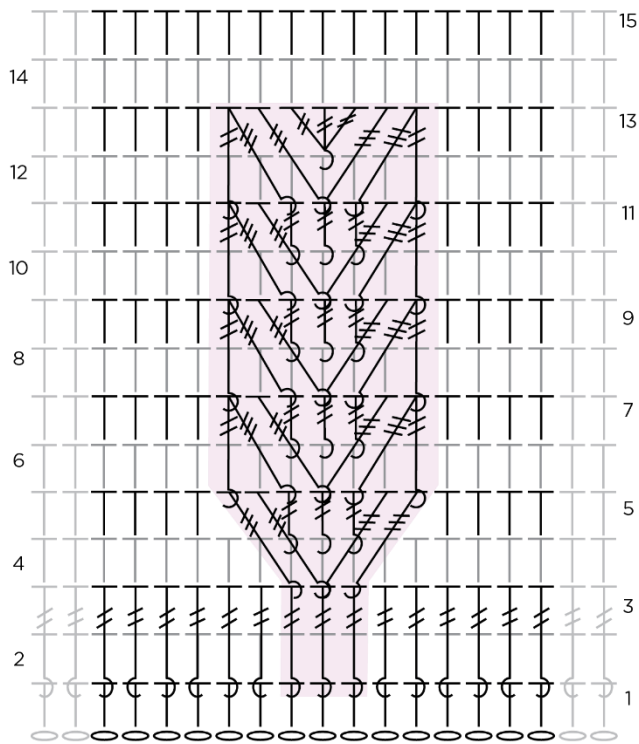
Key

▮	Feather Motif
⬯	ch
⊥	hdc
	FPtr
	BPtr
	FPdtr
	split FPdtr,tr,tog
	split FPtr,dtr,tog

Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!