Crochet Beret
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BEGINNER

Beret fits most women.

RED HEART® "Soft Yarn": 2 1/2 Ounces No. 4608 Wine OR No. 9518 Teal.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Optional: 3/4 Yard of 1/2" elastic.

GAUGE: Rnds 1-2 = 3" across. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.**

Ch 5; join with a sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 1, [3 dc in ring, ch 1] 4 times; join with a sl st to top of ch-3.

Rnd 2: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc) all in next dc, * ch 1, 3 dc in next sp **, ch 1, skip next dc, 3 dc in next dc; rep from * around, end at **; sc in top of ch-3 to join and form last ch-1 sp – ten 3-dc groups.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc over sc; *[ch 1, 3 dc] twice all in next ch-1 sp* – **inc** made; * ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, inc in next sp; rep from * around; sc in top of ch-3 to join – 15 3-dc groups.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, 2 dc over sc, * ch 1, 3 dc in next sp; rep from * around; sc in top of ch-3 to join.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, 2 dc over sc, * ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, inc in next sp **, ch 1, 3 dc in next sp; rep from * around, end at **; sc in top of ch-3 to join – twenty 3-dc groups.

Rnd 6: Rep Rnd 3 – thirty 3-dc groups.

Rnds 7-10: Rep Rnd 4.

Rnd 11: Rep Rnd 4 EXCEPT end with "ch 1, sl st in top of ch-3" instead of "sc in top of ch-3" to join.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, dc in next dc and in each dc around skipping all ch-1 sps; join with a sl st in top of ch-3 – 90 sts.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining and in next 6 dc; *draw up a lp in next 2 dc, yo and through all 3 lps on hook* – **dec** made; * sc in next 7 dc, dec over next 2 dc; rep from * around; join to first sc – 80 sc.

Rnds 14-21: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join to first sc. Fasten off after Rnd 21 leaving a long (30") end.

Fold sc band in half to wrong side and sl st in place to wrong side of Rnd 13. Weave in ends.

Optional: Cut elastic to head measurement plus 1/2". Overlap ends of elastic by 1/2" and sew together. Fold sc band in half over circle of elastic and sl st in place.

(4 Medium) **RED HEART® "Soft Yarn"**, Art. E728 (5 ounce/256 yard ball).

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = begin(ning); **ch** = chain; **dec** = decrease; **dc** = double crochet; **inc** = increase; **lp** = loop; **mm** = millimeters; **rep** = repeat; **rnd(s)** = round(s); **sc** = single crochet; **sl st** = slip stitch; **sp** = space; **st** = stitch; **yo** = yarn over; ***** or ****** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; **[ ]** = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.