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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
1 skein each 0400 Grey Heather **A**, 387 Soft Navy **B**, 3945 Blue Suede **C**, 381 Light Blue **D**, and 311 White **E**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
5.5mm [US I-9]

Stitch marker, pompom maker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 11 dc = 4" [10 cm]; 6 rows = 4" [10 cm] in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Striping Shells Hat

This pompom-topped hat makes crocheting an ombré effect with your favorite color family a breeze!

Pattern re-written as of 1-31-17

Hat circumference at bottom edge: 20 (22)" [51 cm (56) cm]
Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Large are in parentheses.

NOTE
Hat is worked in joined rounds with right side facing throughout.
Carry color not in use along wrong side of work.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
dc2tog: [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook
dc3tog: [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 3 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook
Fpdc: (front post double crochet) Yarn over, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around post of indicated st, draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice. Skip st behind the Fpdc.
Shell: Work 5 dc in same stitch or space.

HAT
With **A**, ch 54 (60), taking care not to twist sts, slip st in first ch to form a ring. Place marker for beginning of round.
Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each chain around, slip st in top of beginning ch-3 to join – 54 (60) dc.
Rounds 2-4: Ch 3, Fpdc in next st, *dc in next st, Fpdc; repeat from * around, slip st in top of beginning ch-3. Do not cut **A**. There was a typo here of an extra dc after the Fpdc.
Round 5: Change to **B**, ch 1, sc in same st, *skip 2 sts, Shell in next st, skip 2 sts, sc in next st; repeat from * around to last 5 sts, skip 2 sts, Shell in next st, skip

2 sts, slip st in first sc – 9 (10) Shells with a sc in between each Shell. Cut **B**.
Round 6: Change to **A**, ch 3, dc in st below first sc on Round 4, *ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of Shell, ch 2, 2 dc in st on Round 4 below next sc; repeat from * around to last Shell, ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of Shell, ch 2, slip st in top of beginning ch-3. 2 dc will be worked in st in row below sc between Shells to cover sc completely. This allows the contrasting colored Shell to "pop" out of main color.
Round 7: Ch 2, dc in next st (counts as dc2tog), *dc in each of next 2 ch, dc in next sc, dc in each of next 2 ch, dc2tog; repeat from * to last 5 sts, dc in each of next 2 ch, dc in next sc, dc in each of next 2 ch, slip st in first dc – 54 (60) dc. You will be working dc2tog over the 2 dc of previous row. This will return your st count to 54 (60 sts).
Round 8: Change to **C** and repeat Round 5. Cut **C**.
Round 9: Change to **A**, ch 3, dc in corresponding st in round below first sc, *ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of Shell, ch 2, 2 dc in corresponding st in round below next sc; repeat from * around to last Shell, ch 2, sc in 3rd dc of Shell, ch 2, slip st in top of beginning ch-3. This is the same as Round 6, working the 2 dc in the st in the row below previous row to cover the sc of the previous row.
Round 10: Repeat Round 7.
Round 11: Change to **D** and repeat Round 5. Cut **D**.
Rounds 12-13: Change to **A** and repeat Rounds 9-10.
Round 14: Change to **E** and repeat Round 5. Cut **E**.

Round 15-16: Change to **A** and repeat Rounds 9-10.

Round 17: Ch 2, dc2tog over next 2 sts (counts as first dc3tog here and throughout), dc in next 3 sts, *dc3tog over next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts; repeat from * 7 (8) more times, slip st in first dc2tog – 36 (40) sts.

Round 18: Ch 2, dc2tog over next 2 sts, *dc in next st, dc3tog over next 3 sts; repeat from * to last st, dc in last st, slip st in first dc2tog – 18 (20) sts.

Round 19: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), (dc3tog) 6 times, dc in each st to end of round if necessary, slip st in first dc3tog. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

FINISHING

Using long tail, weave end through top of last row and pull to close. Secure end. Weave in ends.

With White, make a 4″ [10 cm] diameter pompom. Sew pompom on top of Hat.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.