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What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love®: 1 skein each 1308 Tan **A**, 1012 Black **B**, and 1401 Pewter **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] and 6.5mm [US K-10.5]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 10 sc = 4" (10 cm); Rounds 1–4 = 4" (10 cm) in single crochet with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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RED HEART® With Love®, Art. E400 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 370 yd (338 m) and multicolor 5 oz (141 g), 230 yd (211 m) skeins

X-Border Hat

X marks the border of this great looking hat that spans the sexual divide. Crochet it with any three colors of this soft yarn and enjoy staying warm in style.

Hat directions are for size Small. Changes for size Large are in parentheses.

Hat measures 20 (22)" [51 (56) cm] at brim.

Notes

1. Hat is worked in joined rounds with right side facing at all times.
2. For a slouchier appearance, work additional rounds where indicated.
3. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.
4. When instructed to work in a stitch or space "2 rounds below", work in round numbered 2 less than the current round. For example, if you are working Round 19, a stitch "2 rounds below" is in Round 19 – 2 = Round 17.

Special Stitch

Fptr (Front post treble crochet) = [Yarn over] twice, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of the indicated stitch; yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops] 3 times.

Special Techniques

Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn in a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked,

pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

HAT

With larger hook and **A**, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), 7 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, 2 hdc in each remaining st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 hdc.

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next st, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 hdc.

Round 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 2 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 hdc.

Round 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 3 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—40 hdc.

Round 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 4 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 hdc.

Size Large only:
Round 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 5 sts, *2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—56 hdc.

Both sizes:
Rounds 7–16 (8–17): Ch 1, hdc in same st as join and in each st around; join with slip st in first hdc—48 (56) sts.
Note For a slouchier appearance, repeat last round as many times as desired.
Fasten off.
Round 17 (18): With right side facing and smaller hook, join **B** with sc in first st, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc.
Round 18 (19): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st around; change to **C**; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.
Round 19 (20): Ch 1, sc in first dc, *skip next 2 dc, Fptr around next sc 2 rounds below, ch 1, working in front of Fptr just made, Fptr around sc 2 rounds below first skipped dc, skip next 3 dc from last sc made, sc in next 5 dc; repeat from * around to last 7 dc, skip next 2 dc, Fptr around next sc 2 rounds below, ch 1, working in front of Fptr just made, Fptr around sc 2 rounds below first skipped dc, skip next 3 dc from last sc made, sc in last 4 dc; join with slip st in first sc—30 (35) sc, 12 (14) Fptr, and 6 (7) ch-1 spaces.
Round 20 (21): Ch 3, dc in each st and ch-1 space around; change to **B**; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 (56) dc.
Round 21 (22): Ch 1, sc in first 5 dc, *skip next 2 dc, Fptr around next sc 2 rounds below, ch 1, working in front of Fptr just made, Fptr around sc 2 rounds below first

skipped dc, skip next 3 dc from last sc made, sc in next 5 dc; repeat from * around to last 3 dc, skip next 2 dc, Fptr around next sc 2 rounds below, ch 1, working in front of Fptr just made, Fptr around sc 2 rounds below first skipped dc; join with slip st in first sc—30 (35) sc, 12 (14) Fptr, and 6 (7) ch-1 spaces.
Round 22 (23): Ch 1, sc in each st and ch-1 space around; join with slip st in first sc—48 (56) sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.