Comfy Earflap Hat

The amazing colors of this shaded yarn make it look like a wool hat, but it is actually easy-care fiber that is cozy and comfortable next to the skin. It’s a great choice for all ages!

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Finished size: 19½ (21½, 23)” in circumference.

Directions are given for Adult Size Small. Changes for Medium and Large are in parentheses.

RED HEART® Boutique™ Unforgettable™: 2 balls 3935 Dragonfly.

Crochet Hook: 4 mm (US G-6)
Yarn Needle
Stitch Markers

GAUGE 9 sts = 2”, 12 rows = 4” in pattern
CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:
dc2tog: *Yo, insert hook in st and draw up loop, yo, draw yarn through 2 loops, yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw yarn through 2 loops, yo, draw through 3 loops.

Fpdc (front post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of next st, (yo, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Bpdc (back post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from back to front to back around the post of next st, (yo, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Larks Head Knot: Fold 4 strands of yarn in half and using your crochet hook, pull the folded end through the stitch from front to back, hook the strands and pull them through the loop. Tighten knot by pulling the strands away from your design.

HAT
Start at the top center, ch 4; join with a slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 11 dc in ring; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 12 sts.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in first st, 2 dc in each st around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 24 sts.

Round 3: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 32 sts

Round 4: Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 3 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 40 sts
Round 5: Ch 3, dc in next st, Fpdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 2 sts, Fpdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 48 sts

Round 6: Ch 3, dc in next 4 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 5 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 56 sts

Round 7: Ch 3, dc in next st, Fpdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 2 sts, Fpdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 64 sts

Round 8: Ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 7 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 72 sts

Round 9: Ch 3, dc in next st, Fpdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 2 sts, Fpdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 80 sts

Round 10: Ch 3, dc in next 8 sts, 1 (2, 2) Fpdc in next st, *dc in next 9 sts, 1 (2, 2) Fpdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of ch-3 – 88 (96, 104) sts.

Rounds 21-24 (21-25, 21-25): Ch 3 (does not count as a st), Fpdc around first ch-3 post in previous round, Fpdc in each st around; join with slip st in top of first Fpdc – 88 (96, 104) Fpdc. Fasten off.

Ear Flaps
Left Flap
Row 1: With RS facing, join yarn with slip st in 20th (22nd, 24th) sts to the left of center front FPdc, ch 3 (does not count as a st for remainder of pattern), Fpdc in same st, Fpdc in each of next 14 sts – 15 FPdc.
Row 2: Ch 3, Bpdc around first st, Bpdc in each st across; turn.
Row 3: Ch 3, Fpdc around first st, Fpdc in next 6 sts, skip next st, Fpdc in each st across; turn – 14 sts
Row 4: Repeat Row 2.
Row 5: Ch 3, Fpdc around first st, Fpdc in each st across; turn.
Row 6: Repeat Row 2
Row 7: Ch 3, Fpdc around first st, Fpdc in next 2 sts, skip next st, Fpdc in next 6 sts, skip next st, Fpdc in last 3 sts; turn – 12 sts
Row 8: Repeat Row 2
Row 9: Ch 3, Fpdc around first st, Fpdc in next 2 sts, skip next st, Fpdc in next 4 sts, skip next st, Fpdc in last 3 sts – 10 sts. Fasten off

Right Flap
Fold hat in half.
Row 1: With RS facing, join yarn with slip st in 34th (36th, 38th) sts to the right of center front FPdc, ch 3 (does not count as a st for remainder of pattern), Fpdc in same st, Fpdc in each of next 14 sts – 15 FPdc.
Rows 2-9: Repeat Rows 2-9 of Left Ear Flap. Fasten off.

Border
Round 1: With RS facing, join yarn in center back slip st, ch 3 (counts s dc), dc in each st across to ear flap, *work 15 dc evenly spaced across right side of ear flap, working across last row of ear flap, **dc2tog in next 2 sts; repeat from ** 4 more times, work 15 dc evenly spaced across left side of earflap*, dc in each st across front of hat to next ear flap; repeat from * to * once, dc in each st across back of hat to beginning;
join with slip st in top of ch-3. Fasten off.

**FINISHING**

**Braided Ear Flap Ties**
Cut four 24” lengths of yarn for each fringe. Join 6 fringes with a lark’s head knot in 6 sts across bottom edge of each flap. Using 2 adjacent fringes for each section, separate fringes into 3 sections. Braid 3 sections for desired length. Cut an 8” length of yarn, tie at the bottom of the braid, wrap several times around and weave into the bottom of the braid. Trim the yarn evenly at the end of the braid.

**PomPom**
Make a 3” pompom and attach to the top of the hat.

Weave in ends.

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**Red Heart® Boutique™ Unforgettable™**, Art. E793 available in 5 oz (140 g), 244 yd (223 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** ch = chain; dc = double crochet; mm = millimeters; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.