crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love®: 1 skein 1502 Iced Aqua

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10.5]

Yarn needle, stitch marker

GAUGE: 7 sts = 3" (7.5 cm); 9 rows = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Buy Yarn

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

Mermaid Tails Hat

It's not your imagination...this beautifully designed crochet mermaid's tail hat is the perfect addition to your hat wardrobe. Or crochet it for a lucky gift recipient!

Hat measures 21" (53.5 cm) circumference at brim.

Special stitches

Fpdc (Front post double crochet) = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (1 loop on hook).

Fpdc2tog = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of last stitch worked, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook); yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of next Fpdc, yarn over and pull up a loop (4 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 3 loops (1 loop on hook).

FpPuff (Front post puff stitch) = Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), [yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of same stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (9 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 9 loops, ch 1 tightly to close.

reverse sc (reverse single crochet) = Work single crochet in opposite direction from which you would usually work (left to right if you are right-handed and right to left if you are left-handed). This stitch is also known as crab stitch. It creates a rope-like twisted single crochet edging.

Notes

1. Hat is made in rounds from top down with right side facing at all times.
2. Work in joined or continuous rounds as indicated. On first continuous round, place marker for beginning of round and move marker up as each round is completed.
3. When instructed to work into a stitch "2 rounds below", work into the round numbered 2 less than the current round. For example, if you are working Round 11, a stitch "2 rounds below" is in Round 11 – 2 = Round 9.
4. Closing chain-1 that completes the front post puff stitch is not counted as a stitch or space. Work stitches of next round into the top of the puff and not into the ch-1 space.

HAT

Ch 3; join with slip st to first ch to form a ring.
Round 1 (right side): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), 6 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—7 hdc.
Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), Fpdc around first hdc, [dc in next hdc, Fpdc around same hdc] 6 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—7 dc and 7 Fpdc.
Place marker on first dc and work in continuous rounds. Do not join until instructed.

Round 3: Ch 2, Fpdc around first dc, Fpdc around first Fpdc, [hdc in next dc, Fpdc around same dc, Fpdc around next Fpdc] 6 times—7 hdc and 14 Fpdc.

Round 4: [Hdc in next hdc, Fpdc around same hdc, Fpdc around next 2 Fpdc] 7 times—7 hdc and 21 Fpdc.

Round 5: [Hdc in next hdc, Fpdc around same hdc, Fpdc around next 3 Fpdc] 7 times—7 hdc and 28 Fpdc.

Round 6: [Hdc in next hdc, hdc in next Fpdc, Fpdc around same Fpdc, Fpdc around next 3 Fpdc] 7 times—14 hdc and 28 Fpdc.

Round 7: [Hdc in next 2 hdc, hdc in next Fpdc, Fpdc around same Fpdc, Fpdc around next 3 Fpdc] 7 times—21 hdc and 28 Fpdc.

Rounds 8 and 9: [Hdc in next 3 hdc, Fpdc around next 4 Fpdc] 7 times.

Round 10: [Hdc in next 3 hdc, hdc in next Fpdc, Fpdc2tog, Fpdc around next 2 Fpdc] 7 times—28 hdc, 14 Fpdc, and 7 Fpdc2tog. Note In next 3 rounds, work first "leg" of Fpdc2tog around 2nd "leg" of Fpdc2tog in previous round.

Round 11: Hdc in last Fpdc 2 rounds below, hdc in next 4 hdc, Fpdc2tog, Fpdc around next Fpdc, [hdc in same Fpdc, hdc in next 4 hdc, Fpdc2tog, Fpdc around next Fpdc] 6 times—35 hdc, 7 Fpdc, and 7 Fpdc2tog.

Round 12: Hdc in last Fpdc 2 rounds below, hdc in first 5 hdc, Fpdc2tog, [hdc in same Fpdc, hdc in next 5 hdc, Fpdc2tog] 6 times—42 hdc and 7 Fpdc2tog.

Round 13: [Hdc in next 6 hdc, Fpdc around next Fpdc2tog] 7 times—42 hdc and 7 Fpdc.

Round 14: Hdc in last Fpdc2tog 2 rounds below, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, Fpdc around next Fpdc, [hdc in same Fpdc, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, Fpdc around next Fpdc] 6 times—42 hdc and 7 Fpdc.

Round 15: Hdc in last Fpdc 2 rounds below, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, Fpdc around next Fpdc, [hdc in same Fpdc, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, Fpdc around next Fpdc] 6 times—42 hdc and 7 Fpdc.

Round 16: Repeat Round 13.

Round 17: Hdc in last Fpdc 2 rounds below, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, FpPuff around next Fpdc, [hdc in same Fpdc, hdc in next 5 hdc, skip next hdc, FpPuff around next Fpdc] 6 times —42 hdc and 7 FpPuff.

Rounds 18 and 19: Hdc in each st around—49 hdc.

Round 20: Ch 1, reverse sc in each hdc; join with slip st in first reverse sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

If necessary, sew opening at top of hat closed with beginning tail.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.
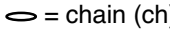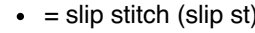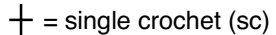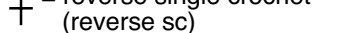
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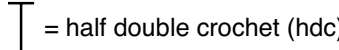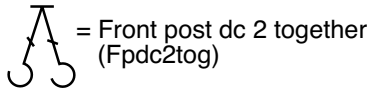
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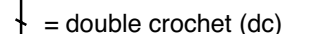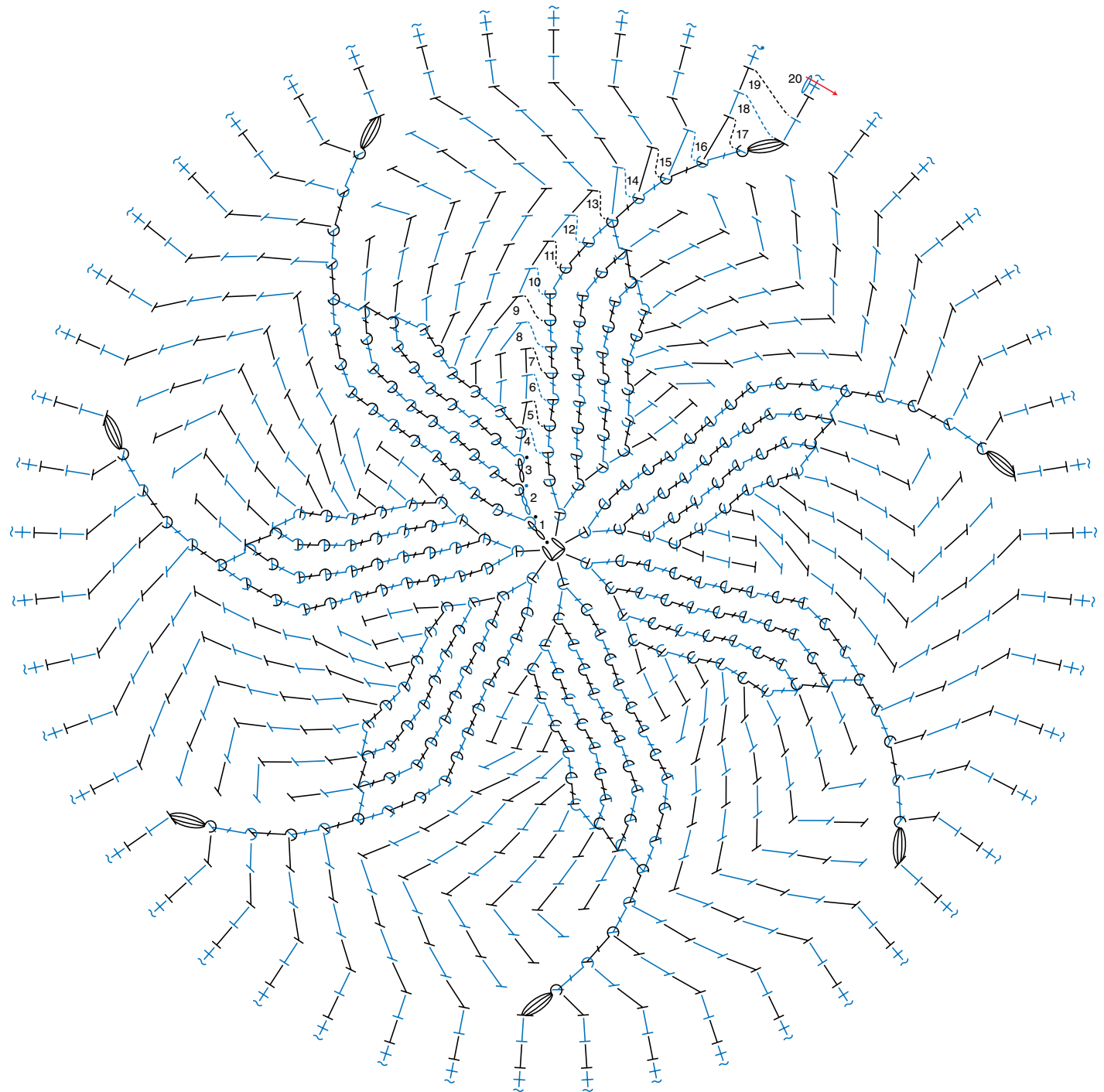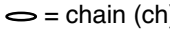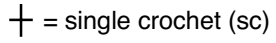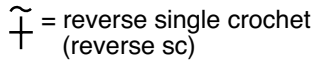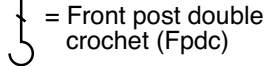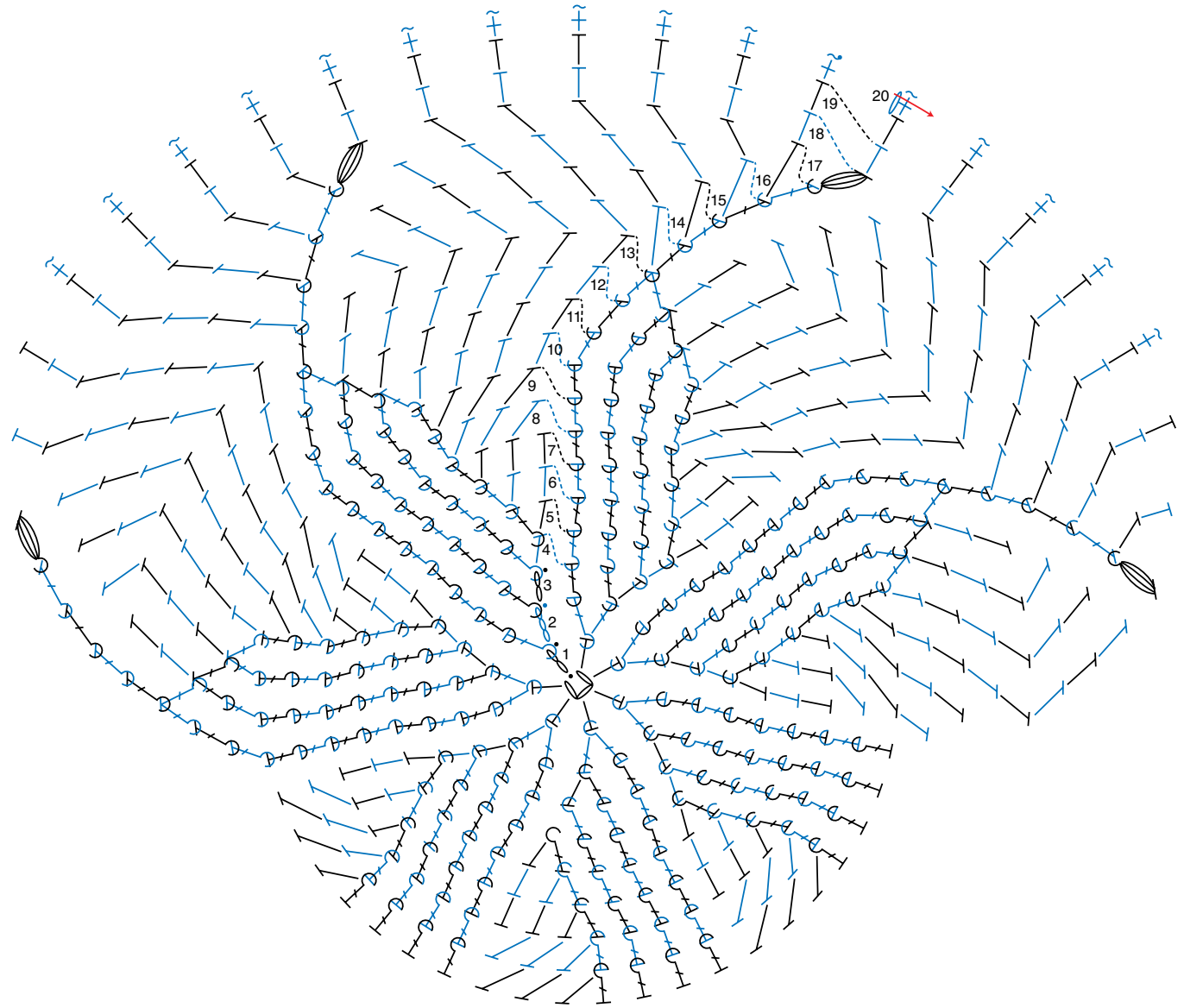

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