

# snowlicious slouchy hat



# **MATERIALS:**

Worsted weight yarn approximately 250-400 yards. I used Red Heart Super Saver and Loops & Threads Impeccable

Tapestry needle

# **GAUGE:**

H 5.0mm hook

7-8 st = 2"

Hdc x 4 rows=1.5-1.75"

Hhdc x 4 rows=1.25-1.5"

# **SIZE:**

	Circum.	Length	Fits
S:	16"	8-9"	18"
M:	18"	10-11"	20"
L:	20"	12-13"	22"

# **ABBREVIATIONS:**

CC=coordinating color (I used white)

ch=chain

hdc=half double crochet

Hhdc=herringbone half double crochet

MC=main color

rsc=reverse single crochet

RS=right side of work (outside of hat)

sc=single crochet

sk=skip

SRT=seamless round technique

sl st=slip stitch

st=stitch

sts=stitches

WS=wrong side of work (inside of hat)

# **SPECIAL STITCHES & TECHNIQUES:**

<u>Herringbone half double crochet (Hhdc)</u> - Yarn over and insert the hook into the next stitch. Yarn over and pull the loop through the stitch AND through the first loop on the hook. Two loops remain on hook. Yarn over again and pull the loop through both loops on the hook.

Reverse single crochet (rsc) – Working left to right, insert hook in next stitch to the right, complete as sc.

<u>Seamless Rounds Tutorial</u> – All body rows of this pattern utilizes this technique. If you haven't watched the tutorial yet, please do so prior to beginning your project. For hdc and Hhdc, I go into both loops to join, instead of just the BLO – <u>watch the videotutorial</u> and you'll understand what I mean. Beginning with R2 of the body, you will be using the technique at the *beginning* and *end* of each row.

<u>Carrying your yarn in the round with two colors</u> – This pattern has a 2 or 4 row stitch pattern and color repeat. Carry your loose strand to the first stitch of each row, working over your loose yarn for the first stitch only, then drop your loose yarn. Repeat for every row, thus carrying your yarn throughout the project avoiding long strands of loose yarn.



Embroidery of Snowflakes (optional) – Once you've finished your hat, simply use your tapestry needle and a length of your white or light yarn. Working on the WS (inside), weave in the tail of your embroidery yarn to secure. Then make a + and x on the RS, tacking all in the center with a small diagonal stitch. Weave yarn through to the next spot you'd like to place a snowflake and repeat as many times as you'd like. I staggered my snowflakes on the hdc colored stripe rows.

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Just remember to always weave in your yarn on the inside of the hat to the next spot, so you don't have a bunch of horizontal long loose stitches on the WS (inside of your hat). <u>Pom-Pom</u> – I used a Clover pom-pom maker for two of my hats, and the "hand wrap" method for another (wrap the yarn around your palm 40-50 times, gently removing, placing a piece of yarn in the center of the bunch, tie tightly and knot – cut the looped ends – and you've made a pom-pom.

### **HOW TO READ THIS PATTERN:**

a. When a stitch is preceded by a number without a space between the number and the stitch, work that number of stitch(s) into next stitch. Example: 2hdc = work 2 hdc into the next stitch. b. Asterisks \*\* in the pattern indicate working everything in between them as a set or together. Example: \*2hdc, hdc in next st\* around = 2 hdc in the next stitch, 1 hdc in the next stitch – repeating the sequence for the entire row around.

c. The number in parentheses at end of row, indicates number of stitches in that row ().

# **NOTES:**

This is very important: Beginning with R2 of the body, you will be using the <u>Seamless Round Technique</u> at the *beginning* and completing the technique at the *end* of each row. Ch1 at the beginning of the body rounds does <u>not</u> count as a stich in this technique. Samples used white for the CC – all of the body CC rows are Hhdc; all of the body MC rows are hdc. It is totally up to you whether you want wide stripes (pink/white, aqua/white samples) or narrow stripes (purple/white sample). Whichever you decide to make, the stitch pattern is either two or four row repeats – hdc and Hhdc (two row st pattern/color repeat works best for the small size).

#### **BODY**

**R1:** Begin with MC. Magic circle, ch1, 8 **hdc**, join to top of 1<sup>st</sup> hdc. (8)

**R2:** Begin the <u>seamless round technique</u> (SRT) with this row and continue for the entire body. 2hdc each st around. (16)

R3: \*2hdc, hdc in next st\* around. (24) TIP: last st will always be worked in the "empty st" of the rnd

R4: \*2hdc, hdc in next two sts\* around. (32)

**R5:** Join CC, **Hhdc** each st around. (32)

**R6:** \*2Hhdc, Hhdc in next three sts\* around. (40)

**R7:** Hhdc around. (40)

**R8:** \*2Hhdc, Hhdc in next four sts\* around. (48)

**STOP** increasing here for small size. Work st pattern/color changes evenly to 7" length, continue to brim. Next size continue to R9

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**R9:** Switch to MC. **hdc** each st around. (48)

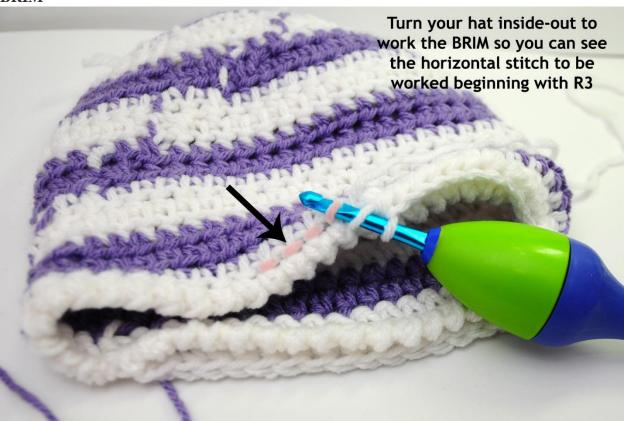
**R10:** \*2hdc, hdc in next five sts\* around. (56)

**STOP** increasing here for medium size. Work st pattern/color changes evenly to 9" length, continue to brim. Next size continue to R12

R11: hdc each st around. (56)

**R12:** \*2hdc, hdc in next six sts\* around. (64) – this is the end of increases and results in the large size. Work st pattern/color changes evenly to 11" length, continue to brim

#### **BRIM**



**R1:** hdc around, sl st to first hdc.

**R2:** ch1, rsc around, sl st to ch1.

**R3:** working in the horizontal stitch of the previous R2, hdc each stitch around, sl st to first hdc.

R4: repeat R2. R5: repeat R3.

**R6:** repeat R2. Finish off and weave in ends.

#### **OPTIONAL**

Add snowflake embroidery

Add pom-pom