Crochet Chemo Caps

These hats were designed exclusively for The Dancing Sheep Yarn & Fiber. Our hope is that many of you will crochet hats for our sisters struggling with cancer and wrap them up in love and hope by this simple act.

Charlotte, the shop's owner, says some women are doves, some women are peacocks. Doves appreciate the simple elegance in life. Peacocks delight in boldness and revel in intricate designs. There is a hat dedicated to each type of woman.

Yarn: Malabrigo "Ratista" and Ultra Pima Cotton (choose one for each pattern) Yarn Weight: 3 DK, light Yardage: 150 yards Hook: Size (I-9) 5.5 mm Gauge: 20 rows and 14 sts = 4" in sc Pattern Size: Adult Woman Skill level: 2 Easy (some crochet experience) Necessary Skills: Easy (basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns)

Abbreviations

[]..... work instructions within brackets as many times as directed ch— chain sc— single crochet dc— double crochet st(s)— stitch(es) ea— each sl st— slip stitch sk— skip xs— times Special Stitches (see box for instruction) T-st – trinity stitch sc2tog – single crochet 2 together rsc – reverse single crochet

rep— repeat

Notes: Rows worked in the round. Work first row of stitches in 1st chain made and over tail of yarn, then tighten when work is finished. Remaining rows are not connected, but worked in a spiral. Use a row marker if needed to keep track of rows.

These hats are crocheted with DK, light yarn and a 5.5 mm hook. This means you will have to focus on keeping your stitches loose or your gauge will be too tight (note gauge above). This yarn / hook combo is intentional. I wanted these hats to be loose and comfy and not too warm.

The Dove

Special Stitches: Single Crochet Two Together (sc2tog) – Insert hook into next st and draw up loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook into next st and draw up loop (three loops on hook), yoh and draw through all three loops on hook, 1 sc2tog complete.

Reverse Single Crochet (rsc) – working backwards across the row, insert hook into next st to the right (if left handed – insert hook into next st to the left), yoh, draw loop up (2 loops on hook), yoh and draw through both loops on hook, 1 rsc complete.

Pattern: Row 1: Ch 3, work 10 dc in 1st ch made.

Row 2: 2 sc in ea st around. (20 sc)

Row 3: Dc in ea st around. (20 dc)

Row 4: 2 sc in ea st around. (40 sc)

Row 5: Dc in ea st around. (40 dc)

Row 6: 2 sc in ea st around. (80 sc)

Row 7: Dc in ea st around. (80 dc)

Row 8: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. (120 sc)

Row 9: Dc in ea st around. (120 dc)

Row 10: Sc in ea st around. (120 sc)

Rows 11 – 14: Rep rows 9 and 10.

Row 15: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] around. (96 sts)

Row 16: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] around. (77 sts)

Row 17: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] around. (62 sts)

Rows 18 – 29: Sc in ea sc around. (62 sc)

Row 30: Rsc around, sl st to 1st st, finish off.

The Peacock

Special stitch: Trinity Stitch (T-st) sc3tog by inserting hook into same st as last st made, draw up loop, [insert hook into next st, draw up loop] 2 xs, yoh, draw yoh through four loops on hook, ch 1 (one T-st made).

Pattern: Row 1: Ch 3, work 10 dc in 1st ch made.

Row 2: [3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. (25 sc)

Row 3: 12 T-st around.

Row 4: (Working in the st, not the ch, from the T-st) 3 sc in ea st around. (36 sc)

Row 5: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] around. (54 sc)

Row 6: 27 T-st around.

Row 7: (Working in the st, not the ch, from the T-st) 2 sc in ea st around. (54 sc) Row 8: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 10 xs, sc in ea of the next 5 sts. (64 sc)

Row 9: 32 T-st around.

Row 10: (Working in the st, not the ch, from the T-st) 2 sc in ea st around. (64 sc)

Row 11: Sc in ea sc around. (64 sc)

Rows 12 – 24: Rep rows 9 – 11, do not finish off.

Rows 25 – 29: (Place marker) Sc in next 10 sts, ch 15, sk 15 sts, sc in next st and in ea rem st to marker.

Row 30: Sc in next 10 sts, ch 5, (working around all chains made in rows 25 – 29) 6 sc in 7th skipped sc of row 3, ch 5, sc in next sc and in ea st around.

Rows 31, 32: Sc in ea sc. (64 sc) Finish off.

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