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**ENCORE WORSTED COLORSPUN
Crochet Ponytail Hat**



Approximate Finished Measurements: Length: 6 ½" Diameter of the hole at the top: 3"

Materials:

Encore Worsted Colorspun: 1—100g ball, color 7653 Denim

Gauge: 14 sts and 18 rows in the Pebble Pattern

Crochet hook: 7 (4.5 mm)

ABBREVIATIONS: CH = chain, dec = decrease DC = double crochet, HDC = half double crochet inc= increase, m= marker, mm= millimeter, Rep=repeat, RS=right side, st(s)=stitch(es), YO= yarn over

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Begin

This is a very simple pattern - Pebble Stitch - Alternate single and double crochets. Work a SC over the DC in the row below and a DC over a SC in the row below. It is worked as a spiral - It's not necessary to end with a slip st join at the end of each round. Just keep going round and round. Keep moving a pin up every few rows as you go to denote where you began the initial round. This tells you where to begin the decrease rows at the top of the hat.

CH 67. Join with a slip st into the first CH.

Round 1: CH 1 (counts as a SC), *DC in the next CH, SC in the next CH. Repeat to the end

All other rounds: DC over the SC; SC over the DC. Note that the inside of the hat faces you as you go round and round.

When hat measures 4.5", it's time to work the first decrease round. To keep the pattern correct, it is necessary to work double decreases as follows:

Double Decrease

YO the hook, insert hook into the st, and bring up a loop, YO and pull through 2, insert hook into the next st and bring up a loop, YO and pull through 1, YO and insert hook into the next st and bring up a loop, YO and pull through 2 (4 loops on the hook) YO and pull through all 4 loops. (2 sts have been decreased.)

1st Decrease Round: Beginning with the first DC, work a double decrease *9 sts in pattern and a double decrease, 7 sts in pattern and a double decrease Repeat from * once and 9 sts in pattern and a double decrease. 12 sts are decreased. Work 1 round without decreasing.

2nd Decrease Round: Beginning with the first DC, work a double decrease, * 7 sts in pattern, double decrease, 5 sts in pattern, double decrease. Repeat from * once and 7 sts in pattern and a double decrease. Work 1 round without decreasing.

3rd Decrease Round: Beginning with the first DC, work a double decrease. *5 sts in pattern, double decrease, 3 sts in pattern, double decrease. Repeat from * once and 5 sts in pattern and a double decrease. Fasten off.

Remember that the wrong side was facing as you worked, so turn inside out so the right side is facing.

When wearing, pull handfuls of hair up and through the hole.

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