

# BIG SKY BEANIE



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## **Materials:**

Hook: US H8/5 mm or I9/5.5 mm crochet hook

Yarn: 3.5 oz Worsted weight yarn

Tapestry needle and scissors

## **Special Stitches:**

### **Working in the 3rd loop:**

When looking at the front of your cap, identify the front and back loops of the "V" of your stitch. Then, slightly tip your work towards you and you'll see a horizontal yarn strand just behind the back loop. Work into this portion of the stitch to create a ridge on the right side of the work.

### **Popcorn Cluster Stitch:**

3 DC in the same stitch. Drop the stitch from your hook and insert the hook, front to back into the top of the first DC. Pull the dropped loop through the stitch you just inserted your hook into and chain 1 to enclose. Skip next stitch, popcorn cluster into next stitch.

## **Instructions:**

### **Crown Increase:**

Chain 4, join with slip stitch (ss) to make a ring, or use a Magic Ring.

**Rnd 1:** Chain 2 (*does not count as a DC throughout*). Make 12 double crochets (DC) in the ring; pull circle closed and join with ss in 1st dc. (12 DC)

**Rnd 2:** Chain 2, 2 DC in same st and in each DC around, join (24 DC)

**Rnd 3:** Chain 2, 1 DC in same st, 2 DC in next st, \*DC in next st, 2 DC's in next st\* around; join (36 DC)

**Rnd 4:** Chain 2, 1 DC in same st, 1 DC in next st, 2 DC in next st, \*DC in next 2 sts, 2 DC's in next st\* around; join (48 DC)

**Rnd 5:** Chain 2, 1 DC in same DC, 1 DC in next 2 sts, 2 DC in next st, \*DC in next 3 sts, 2 DC's in next st\* around; join (60 DC)

### **Pattern Rounds:**

**Rnd 6:** For the first cluster of each round only – Chain 2 in the first stitch; Popcorn Cluster into the same stitch. Then continue with Popcorn Cluster stitch around. On the last cluster, do not Chain 1 to enclose, but join to the chain stitch in the first cluster. (30 clusters)

**Rnd 7:** Chain 1; 2 HDC into the same stitch; 1 HDC into the space between clusters; 1 HDC into the chain space. Continue around and join. (60 HDC)

**Rnd 8:** Chain 1; HDC in 3rd loop of each stitch. Join into the "V" of the first HDC. (60 HDC) Repeat Rounds 6-8 two or three more times, depending on the desired height of the beanie.

**Rim:** 2 rows of HDC. Cut yarn and weave in ends.

**Tips:** Child's beanie: stop increasing at round 4 (48 DC). Men's beanie: increase to (72 DC). Try embellishing the beanie with a button or crocheted flower!



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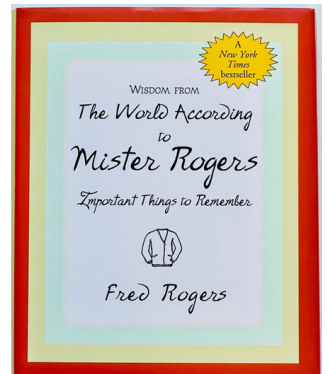
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