

Crocheted Cap for our Troops

This cap is made in one piece starting with the ribbing – not the crown!

It is made with one strand of Lion 1878 (100% wool) – or equivalent, such as Sockotta or Happy Feet (both are wool blends, NOT 100% wool) – and one strand of lace weight, which is 50/50 merino/alpaca. [Samples shown at right are made with Lion 1878 'natural' mixed with 'black' lace weight on left, mixed with 'cypress' lace weight on right. Lion 1878 'charcoal' is a good choice.]



Yarns:

Lion 1878 is 100% wool in fingering weight and available in 8 colors – comes on a cone and has 2045 yards; usually the best price is www.Amazon.com ; also available at www.JoAnn.com – online only.

I purchase my lace weight 100% wool (600 yds/skein) from <http://www.elann.com/productdisp.asp?NAME=elann%2Ecom+Peruvian+Baby+Lace+Merino&Season=&Company=&Cat=ALLY&ProductType=5&OrderBy=+Order+By+Shortgauge&Count=88>

Hooks:

E and H

With E hook, chain 9.

SC in BL of 8 across, TURN.

SC in BL of 8 across, TURNing each row, until you have 80 rows (40 'ridges').

Bring short edges together and SL ST together (8 sts) to form bottom ribbing of cap.

SC around ribbing, one SC at end of each row – 80 sts around; SL ST in first st and TURN.

Change to H hook.

NOTE: Turn each row even though you are working around.

SC in same ST; DC in next ST; alternate SC and DC around, ending with DC (80 sts); SL ST in first ST. TURN.

SC in same ST; DC in next ST, repeat around. You will have SC on top of SC; DC on top of DC. This is the pattern for the next 25 rows.

Crown:

SC in first 2 sts; SC 2 sts tog; repeat around; join with SL ST to first ST; TURN.

HDC around, join with SL ST in first ST; TURN

SC 2 sts tog; repeat around; join with SL ST to first ST; TURN.

HDC around, join with SL ST in first ST; TURN.

Repeat this pattern until approximately 8 sts remain. Tie off leaving 4" tail to weave through the remaining 8 sts; pull tightly and secure. Weave in ends.

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