

Banana Beret

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Yarn: Banana Silk, 200g: 1 skein (shown in Patchouli)
and 20-30 yds of a contrasting color yarn for swirl (optional)

Hook: size I

Notions: yarn needle, locking stitch marker (or a safety pin)

Measurements: one size fits most

Pattern:

Begin by chaining 3.

10 HDC in first chain. This creates your starting round without a noticeable hole in the center.

DO NOT JOIN to first HDC, instead we will begin round 2 directly into the first HDC and continue around creating a spiral shape rather than concentric circles.

Round 2: *2 HDC in each HDC* repeat all the way around.

(20 sts) [Note: It is helpful to place locking stitch marker in first stitch of round. Move marker with start of new round.]

Round 3: *HDC in next HDC, 2 HDC in next HDC* Repeat * to * around. (30 sts)

Round 4: *HDC in next 2 HDC, 2 HDC in next HDC* Repeat * to * around. (40 sts)

Round 5: *HDC in next 3 HDC, 2 HDC in next HDC* Repeat * to * around. (50 sts)

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Round 8: Chain 1, *BPSC (SC around back post) next 7 HDC, BPSC next 2 HDC together (Work the 2 HDC together as one) (80 sts) Slip stitch to join round.

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Round 11: *HDC in next 2 sts, HDC-dec next 2 sts together. * repeat around (36 sts)

Round 12-15: Work 1 SC in each stitch around. Slip stitch to join.

Round 16: Chain 3, DC in each stitch around. Slip stitch to top of chain 3 to join.

Round 17: CH1, SC in each space around (rather than going into the stitch itself, go into the space between DCs). Slip stitch to join. Cut yarn, weave in tail.

Add spiral: Using contrast color, and keeping yarn inside of hat, pull a loop through the center top of hat. Pull a loop through the first stitch, and pull same loop through loop on hook. (One surface crochet slip stitch created.) Continue slip stitching thru previous stitches creating a spiral atop your beret.

You can skip a stitch and slip into every other stitch as your reach outer rows, just keep stitches loose enough so fabric will not bunch up. You can also improvise and create other shapes and designs. Don't be afraid to play! Altering the texture of contrasting yarn will also create unique effects.

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