

Skater Beanie by Debbie Tomkies of DT Craft & Design

“Designing wearable hats for guys can be challenging. I’m sure they’d rather be cold than ‘uncool’! This skater-boy hat was a hit with my teen and now his friends all want one so be prepared to make several! (And so the girls won’t be left out, I’ve included lady’s sizes too)”.

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

ABBREVIATIONS:

Cc – Contrast colour

Ch - Chain

Mc – Main colour

Rnd(s) – Round(s)

Sl st - Slip stitch

Dc - Double Crochet

Inc - Increase

MEASUREMENTS

To fit: circumference of head (at widest part): 47 (53: 57: 64)cm [16½ (18½: 21: 22½: 25)in]

Finished measurements (all measurements are approximate):

Actual size (circumference): 40 (48: 52: 60)cm [15¾ (19: 20½: 23½)in]

Top to lower edge measured at centre when laid flat: 14 (16: 18: 20)cm [5½ (6¼: 7: 8)in]

Brim version only: Brim depth: 3 (3: 5: 6)cm [1¼ (1¼: 2: 2½)in]

YARN USED

Men’s black version with cream trim

Artesano 100% pure superfine alpaca DK●50g/100m/109yd●16(WPI) (wraps per inch)

MC: approx. 100g, shade SFN10, Liquorice

CC: approx. 15g, shade SFN10, Cream

Lady’s pink version with green trim

Artesano 100% pure superfine alpaca DK●50g/100m/109yd●16(WPI) (wraps per inch)

MC: approx. 100g, shade C704, Violet

CC: approx. 15g, shade C743, Fern

Lady’s blue-green version with fold-up brim and pompoms

DT Craft & Design 100% pure wool DK ●50g/100m/109yd●16(WPI) (wraps per inch)

DT Craft & Design 100% pure filament silk DK ●25g/50m/55yd●16(WPI) (wraps per inch)

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MC: approx. 100g pure Wool DK, shade Enchanted glade

CC: approx. 15g pure filament silk DK, shade Ocean spray

YARN ALTERNATIVES

SAVE: King Cole Haze DK

SPEND: James C Brett Pure Merino DK

SPLURGE: Debbie Bliss Cashmere Merino Silk DK

TENSION/

Work 15st and 9 rows flat in dc to measure 10x10cm or 4x4in using 4.5mm hook, or size required to obtain tension.

NOTIONS

4.5mm hook

Bodkin

2 pieces thick card (approx. 5x5cm) for pompoms

PATTERN NOTES

Do not join rounds unless indicated in pattern.

Use a marker to identify start of each round.

Men's black hat with cream trim

Rnd 1: 3ch, join with a sl st to form a ring, 6dc in ring. Do not join. Place marker (remember to move marker at start of each round). (6 dc)

Rnd 2: 2dc into each of 6dc from previous round. (12 dc)

Rnd 3: (1dc in next dc, 2dc into next dc) 6 times. (18 dc)

Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc into next dc) 6 times. (24 dc)

Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc into next dc) 6 times. (30 dc)

Continue in this way, working one more dc between the 2dc on each round until there are 8 (10: 11: 13)dc between each 2dc. 60 (72: 78: 90 dc)

Continuing to move marker at start of each round, work in dc until hat from crown to lower edge measures 14 (15: 17: 18)cm [5½ (6: 6¾: 7)in]. Adjust length here if required, working fewer/extra rounds to suit.

Trim

Next rnd: dc in CC.

Next rnd: dc in MC.

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Next rnd: dc in CC.

In MC, 2 rnds dc. Join with sl st to first dc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends.

Lady's pink hat with green trim

Work as for men's hat to trim.

Next 2 rnds: *1dc in MC, 1dc in CC*, rep from * to * to end rnd.

In MC, 2 rnds dc. Join with sl st to first dc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in ends.

Lady's blue-green hat with brim and pompoms

Work as for men's hat to trim

In MC, 7 rnds dc.

In CC, 3 rnds dc.

In MC, rnds dc. Join with sl st to first dc. Fasten off.

Finishing

Optional pompoms

(Make 2)

Using 4.5mm crochet hook and MC, make 20 ch. Fasten off, leaving 10cm tail of yarn.

Cut 2 circles of thick card 3cm in diameter. Cut a second circle in centre of each circle 1cm in diameter.

Cut piece of yarn approx. 2m (78in) long.

Place 2 circles of card together and wrap yarn round cards until centre hole is completely filled. (The more yarn you use, the fuller the pompom will be so don't skimp on this bit).

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Placing scissors between 2 pieces of card, snip yarn carefully around edge of circle.

Ease card circles apart very slightly to allow tail of chain to be wrapped round centre. Pull yarn tight and knot well, making sure pompom is close to chain. Thread spare tail yarn through chain to secure and trim off any excess.

Carefully remove card, fluff up pompom and neaten.

To attach pompoms:

Stitch 2 chains with pompoms at end neatly to crown of hat. Weave in ends and fold up brim.