

# Bonita Hat

## **Material and Supplies:**

1 SKEIN NaturallyCaron Country yarn

NOTE: If you substitute yarn, I recommend that you choose a light worsted weight yarn or a heavy DK yarn.

SIZE H CROCHET HOOK, or size to get gauge

## **Gauge & Sizing:**

GAUGE: First 3 rounds = 3 ½ inches in diameter

Final hat size is about 20”.

## **Notes:**

- Hat is worked in joined rows with right side facing throughout. Do not turn.
- Always work BEG SHELL in beg shell ch 1 space and SHELL in shell ch 1 space unless otherwise noted.
- Always join in top of the first dc, skipping the first ch 2 of the beg shell.

## **Special Stitches:**

BEG SHELL: [ch 2, 1 dc, ch 1, 2 dc] in stitch or space

SHELL: [2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc] in stitch or space

DC 3 TOG: YO, insert hook and pull up loop in first st, YO and pull through 2 loops (2 loops on hook); YO, insert hook and pull up loop in second st, YO and pull through 2 loops (3 loops on hook); YO, insert hook and pull up loop in third st, YO and pull through 2 loops (4 loops on hook); YO and pull through remaining 4 loops on hook.



## **Directions:**

Chain 4, join with slip stitch.

Round 1: Chain 2, 12 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of first dc (ch 2 does not count as dc).

Round 2: BEG SHELL in first dc, \*ch 1, skip next st, SHELL in next st, continue from \* around, ending ch 1, join with sl st in top of first dc.

Round 3: Slip stitch to ch 1 space, BEG SHELL in beg shell, \* ch 1, dc in ch 1 space between shells, ch 1, SHELL in shell, repeat from \* around, ending ch 1, dc in ch 1 space between shells, ch 1, join with sl st in top of first dc.

Round 4: Slip stitch to ch 1 space, BEG SHELL in space, \*ch 1, 3 dc in next dc between shells, ch 1, SHELL in shell, repeat from \* around, ending ch 1, 3 dc in next dc, ch 1, join with sl st in top of first dc.

Round 5: Slip stitch to ch 1 space, BEG SHELL in space, \*ch 1, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, SHELL in shell, repeat from \* around, ending ch 1, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next dc, ch 1, join with sl st in top of first dc.

Round 6: Slip stitch to ch 1 space, BEG SHELL in space, \*ch 1, dc in next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, SHELL in shell, repeat from \* around, ending ch 1, dc in next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, join with sl st in top of first dc.

Continue in this pattern, always increasing 3 dc in center dc of the 3-dc group in the previous round, until you have 13 dc's between shells, OR until crown is about 9" in diameter.

Now, work in established pattern with no increases for 5 rows, OR until this portion of hat is about 2 ¼" high; hat height should be a total of about 7".

Decrease Round 1: Slip stitch to ch 1 space, BEG SHELL in beg shell, \*dc in next 5 st, DC 3 TOG together over next 3 st, dc in next 5 st, SHELL in shell, repeat from \* around, ending dc in next 5 st, DC 3 TOG over next 3 st, dc in next 5 st, join with sl st in top of first dc.

[Note: You are eliminating the chains between sts as well as decreasing 2 st at the center of each group of dc stitches. If you have less than 13 dc's between shells, just follow this same general approach of skipping the chains and DC 3 TOG over the central 3 dc's of each group of dc's.]

Decrease Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in ch 1 space of beg shell, skip next st, sc in last dc of shell. \*In your next group of dc st's: sc in next 2 st, sc 2 tog over next 2 st, sc in next 3 st, sc 2 tog, sc in next 2 st.^ In your next shell: sc in first st, skip next st, sc in ch 1 space, skip next st, sc in last st. Work from \* around, ending with the pattern between \* and ^, join with sl st in first sc.

Band round 1: Ch 2, hdc in each st around, join with sl st in first hdc.

Band round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st around, join with sl st in first sc.

Band round 3: Repeat band round 1.

Band round 4: Repeat band round 2.

Note:

For a smaller hat, make additional decreases in band round 1 as desired.

### **Finishing:**

End off, weave in ends, enjoy!