



## Perenni

An original crochet design by Addydaz Designs

Perenni has been designed to be a matching accessory for the garments featured in the Month of Flowers e-book: the Florzali dress, the Florzala skirt, and the original Floral top, tunic and dress. Liven up a cool day with this bright and cheery floral-inspired design.

*A note about this pattern:*

*Sometime ago, I came across the most wonderful pattern that shows you how to create the perfect fitting beanie. The "Skater Beanie" pattern, (designed by Arianne Donoghue and available on her website [kookykatkcreations.wordpress.com](http://kookykatkcreations.wordpress.com)) demonstrates how by taking a few simple measurements, you can make a custom fit beanie for anyone, newborn to adult. It is with Arianne's generous permission that I am able to share this design, created using her truly genius method.*

## **Materials**

Any fingering weight/4ply, DK/8ply or worsted weight/10ply yarn may be used for this pattern. *Heavy worsted is not recommended.*

## **Yardage Requirements**

Exact yardage will depend on the yarn chosen and the size required. As a guide, you will need between 65 and 220 yards (60 and 200m) of DK/8ply. You will need a bit less if using worsted/10ply, and more for fingering weight/4ply.

## **Gauge**

There is no set gauge for this pattern. All of the work is done using measurements. Simply choose the hook size best suited to your yarn and crochet style. About 1 inch/2.5cm of negative ease is factored in to the pattern for a nice fitting beanie, so you just want a nice amount of spring to the fabric of it, therefore you will need to take into account the amount of stretch in the fibre chosen.

## **Skill Level: EASY to INTERMEDIATE**

This is a project created using basic stitches, simple colour changes and minimal shaping and finishing. It incorporates a repetitive pattern using basic crochet stitches but may require some skill to master. Not recommended for absolute beginners.

## **Glossary:**

st/s	stitch/es
beg	beginning
yo	yarn over
rem	remaining
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

## **Stitches Used: (American terminology)**

ch	chain
sc	single crochet
hdc	Half double crochet
dc	double crochet

## **Pattern stitches:**

<b>3dc fan</b>	work 3 dc into stitch indicated
<b>5dc fan</b>	work 5 dc into stitch indicated
<b>sc inc</b>	work 2 sc into the stitch indicated
<b>dc inc</b>	work 2 dc into the stitch indicated
<b>dc2tog</b>	yo, insert hook and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops (2 loops left on hook), yo, insert hook and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops, yo and draw through remaining 3 loops to close cluster.

When instruction is given at the beginning of a round to “ch 1, sc in same st” this means to ch 1, then work a sc in the same stitch that the ch 1 originated from, not into the chain itself.

## **Before you begin**

If you are able to take measurements from the intended wearer, please note the following:

- Measure around the widest part of the wearer's head, then subtract approximately 1.5 - 2.5 inches (4 - 6.5cm) depending on how snug you would like the fit. Write the subtracted figure at Measurement A. *(The flower pattern stitch does allow quite a lot of stretch, so I would not recommend subtracting any less than 2.5inches from the actual head measurement for the newborn – 6 month sizes, or your beanie may end up too big.)*
- Grab your calculator and divide Measurement A by 3.142. Note this as Measurement B.
- Calculate the length required by measuring from the crown of your head to somewhere just above the eyebrows. Note this as Measurement C.

**Measurement A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Measurement B:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Measurement C:** \_\_\_\_\_

Trust me, this works. For a more detailed explanation of the calculations and *why* they work, check out Arianne's Skater Beanie pattern. Like I said, genius.

If you don't have the intended wearer handy, the following table has been provided as a guide. It might not be as perfect a fit, but hopefully will be close enough!

<b>Age Range</b>	<b>Measurement B</b>	<b>Measurement C</b>
Newborn – 3 months	3.5 inches/9cm	5 inches/13cm
Newborn – 6 months	4 inches/10cm	5.5 inches/14cm
6 – 18 months	4.75 inches/12cm	6 inches/15.5cm
18 months - 3 years	5.25 inches/13.5cm	7 inches/18cm
2 – 6 years	5.75 inches/14.5cm	7.5 inches/19cm
3 – 8 years	6 inches/15.5cm	7.75 inches/19.5cm
8 – 16 years	6.5 inches/16.5cm	8.5 inches/21.5cm
16 years – small adult	6.75 inches/17cm	8.75 inches/22cm
Medium adult	7 inches/18cm	9 inches/23cm

Ok, now we can get started.

### **Part 1: The crown**

For Part 1, you only need to do as many rounds as it takes for your work to reach **Measurement B in diameter**.

Round 1: Using MC and your chosen hook, form a magic ring, chain 2, and work 12 dc into the ring. Pull the ring closed and join by working a sl st into the top of the **first dc – not into the top of the beg ch2**. (12dc)

*Note: the Ch 2 at the beginning of each round for the crown is not counted as a stitch. Be sure at the end of each round that you sl st into the top of the **first dc**.*

For a video of the magic ring technique, check out:

<http://www.howcast.com/videos/134192-How-To-Do-the-Magic-Circle-Loop>

Alternatively, Ch 4, join with a sl st to form a ring. Ch 2, work 12 dc into the centre of the ring. Join with a sl st to top of beg dc.

- Round 2: Ch 2, 2 dc in same st and every dc around. (24dc)
- Round 3: Ch 2, 1 dc in same st, \*2dc in next dc, 1dc in next dc; Repeat from \* around. Join with a sl st to top of beg dc. (36dc)
- Round 4: Ch 2, 1 dc in same st, 1 dc in next dc, 2dc in next dc, \*1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc; Repeat from \* around. Join with a sl st to top of beg dc. (48dc)
- Round 5: Ch 2, 1 dc in same st, 1 dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in next dc, \*1 dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc; Repeat from \* around. Join with a sl st to top of beg dc. (60dc)
- Rounds 6 +: Continue increasing 12dc per round by working one extra dc between each dc inc until your work reaches a diameter of **Measurement B**.

*You may find that you cannot quite make it to Measurement B because adding another round will make it too big. The lacy nature of this design means that there is quite a bit of give in this pattern where the flower motifs are located. Therefore adding an extra row of dc will quite likely make the beanie too big.*

*This may be more likely to happen if making a small size with worsted weight which creates greater row height. You may need to try a few yarn and hook combinations to get the crown section as close to Measurement B as possible. If you have opted not to work an extra round but are concerned about the body of the beanie being too small, you could always try going up a hook size for the body section of the beanie.*

*Another suggestion is to work a round of sc, but this time only increasing 6 stitches evenly around the row (ie working 2sc into the same stitch 6 times throughout the round.) This can be risky especially when using heavier yarns as each 6-stitch increase adds an extra flower motif to the circumference.*

*There is no set way of getting it exact, but as long as you get pretty close to your Measurement B figure, the fit will be fine.*

## **Part 2: The body**

- Round 1: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, \*skip 2 dc, work a 5dc fan in next dc, skip 2 dc, 1 sc in next dc; Repeat from \* around. Join with a sl st to beg sc.
- Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2dc in same st, \* skip 2 dc, 1 sc in next dc, skip 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc; Repeat from \* around to last 2 sts, skip 2 dc, work 2dc into the same st as your beg ch3. Join with sl st to top of beg ch 3.
- Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same st, \* skip 2 dc, 5dc in next sc, skip 2 dc, sc in next dc; Repeat from \* around ending with a 5dc fan. Join with a sl st to beg sc.

Repeat Rounds 2 and 3 until your work measures 2 inches/5cm (for fingering weight/4ply) or 2.5 inches/6.5cm (for DK/8ply and worsted/10ply) **LESS than Measurement C**, ending with a Round 3. *This is measured from the beginning of your work.*

DO NOT fasten/bind off. Continue with *Flower Pattern*.

### **Part 3: Flower pattern**

Round 1: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, \* ch 2, skip 2 dc, [dc2tog, ch 2] 3 times in next dc, skip 2 dc, 2 sc in next sc; Repeat from \* to last sc. Join with a sl st. Fasten/Bind off. *If you are only planning one line of flowers, do not bind off your MC. Simply leave the live loop at the back of your work and after completing rounds 2 and 3, discreetly slip stitch behind the flower motif to where you need to start the next round and continue the MC from there. Yay – fewer loose ends to weave in!*

Round 2: With contrasting colour, join with a sl st to 2nd 2ch space of previous round (*This is between the first and second “petals” of the half-flower design formed in the previous round.*) See appendix for photo tutorial on page 6.

Ch 1, sc in same 2ch space, \* ch 1, skip 2dc, 1 sc in next 2ch space, ch 2, work a cluster of [1 dc in same 2ch space, 2 dc in each of next three 2ch spaces of “flower” – working all stitches excluding final yo till last dc. Yo and draw thru 8 loops on hook to finish cluster], ch 2, sc in same 2ch space as last dc of cluster; Repeat from \* around till final cluster, ch 2 and join with a sl st to first sc of round.

Round 3: Sl st into next 1ch space, ch 1, sc in same 1ch space, \* ch 2, [dc2tog, ch 2] 3 times in loop that closed cluster in previous round, \*\* sc in next 1ch space; Repeat from \* around ending last repeat at \*\*. Join with sl st to first sc of round. Fasten/Bind off.

### **Part 4: Edging**

Round 1: With MC, repeat Round 2 of Flower Pattern.

Round 2: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, work 1 sc in each stitch around as follows: work 1 sc in each sc and ch 2 space, and work 1 sc in the loop that closes the cluster or previous round. Join with a sl st to first sc. *You may wish to go down a hook size for this and subsequent rounds after the looser stitching of the flower pattern if you find the edging is fanning out too much.*

Round 3: Ch 1, 1 sc in same st, work 1 sc in each sc around. Join with a sl st.

Round 4: Repeat round 3.

Round 5 *Picot Edge*: Ch 1, [sc, ch3, sc] in same st, skip 1 sc, \* [sc, ch 3, sc] in next sc, skip 1 st; Repeat from \* around. Join with a sl st to beg sc. Fasten/Bind off.

### **Finishing:**

Using a tapestry needle, secure magic ring (if used) and weave in all loose ends.

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**Appendix:** Instructions for the flower pattern round 2:

1. Start here:



2.



3. Begin cluster



4.



5. Close cluster



6.



7.



8. "half" flower complete



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