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## Materials:

7 mm Pony double-ended crochet hook
Pony safety stitch markers
$50 \mathrm{~g} / 55 \mathrm{~m}$ chunky wool in colour A
$50 \mathrm{~g} / 75 \mathrm{~m}$ chunky wool in colour E

Finished size:
To fit a head circumference of about 56 to 58 cm or 59 to 61 cm . (Instructions for the larger size are given in brackets).

## Tension:

12 stitches $\times 12$ rows (forward and return pass are counted as one row) $=10 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ (It is important to check the tension to ensure that you achieve the correct size).

Abbreviations:
ss = slip stitch
FP = forward pass (when you put stitches on the hook) RP = Return pass (when you work stitches off the hook)
$B=$ colour $B$

To Make:
TIP: Pony double-ended crochet hooks are used like an Afghan or Tunisian hook. Loops are picked up on the hook in one row (forward pass) and then worked off the hook in the next (return pass). The hat is made in a spiral. Because of this, it is necessary to work $50 \%$ of the stitches completely first and then work the remaining $50 \%$ of each round.


Round 1: Start the forward pass by inserting the hook chain (use the same chain (use the same part ofte chain over, draw loop over, draw loop through, leaving
loop on the hook.


With A, chain 59
(64). Ss to join, (64). Ss to join, taking care not to twist the chains. Check for size. Mark the last stitch with a stitch marker.

Continue to pick up loops in this way until you have roughly $50 \%$ of the stitches on the hook, or until no more can fit.


Turn the work and use the opposite hook. To start the return pass, make a
loop with B and pull loop with B and pul
it through the first oop on hook. (Pulling through one loop is only necessary for the first round).


Yarn over and pul through two loops of A). Continue to yarn over and pull yarn over and pull through two loops of the FP and one of the Pa and the hook.


Turn the work.


Work stitch where marker is, move marker to the stitch the new end of round stitch).


Turn the work. One round complete.

TIP: The FP is always worked in colour A and the RP is always worked using colour B. Each new round will always start with a FP using A.


Round 2 to 16 (22): Repeat Round 1 , but this time for the FP insert hook into the vertical bar (in colour A, just below the RP that you jus ompleted), instead hain stitch. Continue as before.
Round 17 (23): Decreasing starts. Decrease over every 4th and 5 th
stitch in the FP* (by stitch in the FP* (by through both the 4th and 5th vertica posts, instead of just the 4th). Repea $\mathrm{m}^{*}$ to *, ending mplete the RP as normal. Turn RP T

Round 18 (24): Following the style of Round 17 (23), decrease over every 3rd and 4th stitch in the FP. Work the RP as normal.

Round 19 (25): Following the style of Round 17 (23), decrease over every 2nd and 3rd stitch in the FP. Work the RP as normal.

Round 20 (26) onwards: Following the style of Round 17 (23), decrease over every 2 stitches in the FP, working the RP as
normal, until there are just 4 stitches left. Work the RP as normal. Yarn over and pull through the last loop on hook.
Pull the working yarn to the inside and sew in ends.

