

Five-Spice Hat

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★ GAUGE:

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★ SKILL LEVEL:

Beginner: 🧶

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AN EXCELLENT INTRODUCTION TO SLIP-STITCH TECHNIQUE, this cap is worked in the round from the bottom up, with decreases for the top. Traditional Bosnian slip-stitch patterning uses front and back loop stitches to create stripes of texture. To learn more about slip-stitch crochet, see Dora's article in the Fall 2010 issue of *Interweave Crochet*.

GETTING STARTED

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Notes

Hat is worked in the rnd as a spiral from the bottom up. Do not join at the end of rnd.

Place marker at beg of each rnd and move it up 1 row for each subsequent rnd. The new rnd will beg 1 st to right of last rnd.

Keep tension loose throughout, but work foundation ch tighter.

Stitch Guide

Dec: Sk next st.

Hat

Ch 48, sl st back loop only (blo) in first ch to form ring, being careful not to twist sts.

Rnds 1–3: Sl st blo in each ch around.

Rnds 4–7: Sl st front loop only (flo) around.

Rnds 8–10: Sl st blo around.

Rnds 11–14: Sl st flo around.

Top of hat:

Rnd 15: [Sl st blo in next 7 sts, dec (see Stitch Guide)] 6 times—42 sts.

Rnd 16: [Sl st blo in next 6 sts, dec] 6 times—36 sts.

Rnd 17: [Sl st blo in next 5 sts, dec] 6 times—30 sts.

Rnd 18: Sl st blo around.

Rnd 19: [Sl st blo in next 4 sts, dec] 6 times—24 sts.

Rnd 20: [Sl st blo in next 3 sts, dec] 6 times—18 sts.

Rnd 21: [Sl st blo in next 2 sts, dec] 6 times—12 sts.

Rnd 22: [Sl st blo in next st, dec] 6 times—6 sts.

Rnd 23: [Sl st blo in next st, dec] 3 times—3 sts. Fasten off and weave in loose ends. ⇄

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