



Two-tone topper

Keep things interesting with front post stitches in this smart, tactile bobble hat from Lucy Croft

TEXTURED BEANIE HAT



YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Fable Brushed Aran (50% Falklands wool, 35% British alpaca, 15% British mohair, 100g/166m)
1 ball of each:
Yarn A Titan (1228)
Yarn B Siren (1227)
 - A 4.5mm (US 7) hook
 - A pompom maker, 65mm
- For yarn stockists contact
WY Spinners 01535 664500
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TENSION

12 sts and 7 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using a 4.5 mm hook, or size needed to obtain correct tension

MEASUREMENTS

Hat measures approx 56cm (22in) in circumference

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 78 of *Simply Crochet* magazine

Bring sophistication to your winter headgear with these beautiful shades of grey. Don't stint on the pompom: the firmer, the better!

NOTES

Hat is worked top down in rounds, with RS facing throughout.

HAT

Using Yarn A, make a magic loop.

Round 1 (RS) Ch2 (does not count as st throughout), 16tr into loop, ss to first st. [16 tr]

Round 2 (RS) Ch2, tr in st at base of ch-2, FPdtr around same st, (tr in next st, FPdtr around same st) 15 times, ss to first st. [32 sts]

Round 3 Ch2, FPdtr around st at base of ch-2, 2tr in next st, (FPdtr around next st, 2tr in next st) 15 times, ss to first st. [48 sts]

Round 4 Ch2, tr in st at base of ch-2, FPdtr around next st, tr in next st, FPdtr around same st, (tr in next st, FPdtr around next st, tr in next st, FPdtr around same st) 15 times, ss to first st. [64 sts]

Round 5 Ch2, FPdtr around st at base of ch-2, tr in next st, (FPdtr around next st, tr in next st) 15 times, ss to first st.

Round 6 Ch2, tr in st at base of ch-2, FPdtr around next st, (tr in next st, FPdtr around next st) 15 times, ss to first st.

Rounds 7-12 Repeat Rounds 5-6, 3 times more.
Fasten off.

Join Yarn B in first st.

Round 13 Ch2, FPdtr around st at base of ch-2, tr in next st, (FPdtr around next st, tr in next st) 15 times, ss to first st.

Round 14 Repeat Round 13.

Round 15 Ch1 (does not count as st), dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

TO FINISH

Make a 65mm pompom in Yarn B and sew securely to the top of the Hat.



Finish the hat with a sturdy pompom made in the contrast yarn used for the brim



Texture is created over the whole beanie by working front post double treble stitches

SIMPLE STEPS HOW TO MAKE A POMPOM



1 Draw 2 rings onto card, 1cm larger in diameter than you want the finished pompom to be. Make a big hole in the centre for a dense pompom. Cut out the rings. Wind the yarn into tiny balls.



2 Hold the cardboard rings together and wrap the yarn round them, threading each ball through the centre hole and around the card rings until they're covered by several layers of yarn.



3 Once covered, insert a pair of scissors between the 2 rings of card and carefully cut the yarn round the edge of the rings. Make sure none of the yarn slips out of position as you do this.



4 Cut a new length of yarn and knot it tightly around the middle of the bundle of yarn between the 2 rings. Ease the rings off the yarn and fluff it up. Trim any uneven bits with sharp scissors.