Basketweave Cap

Difficulty: intermediate
(must be able to do front and back post stitches; tutorials available online)

Medium weight yarn (4)
Hook size I for main part of the hat;
size G for finishing

Chain 4; join with slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1: Chain 3 (counts as 1st dc), 11 more dc in the ring. Join with ss to 3rd ch. (12 dc)

Round 2: Chain 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc in space between stitches, *dc, dc between stitches* around. Join with FPSS. (24 dc)

Round 3: Ch 2 (does not count as dc), FPDC in joining dc, 2 dc in next dc; *FPDC in next dc, 2 dc in next dc* around; join with ss in top of first FPDC. (36 dc)

Round 4: Ch 1, hdc in joining st and next dc, 2 hdc in next st. *Hdc in 2 st, 2 hdc in next st* around; join with ss. (48 hdc)

Round 5: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 st, 2 dc in next st. *DC in 3 st, 2 dc in next st* around Join with FPSS. (60 dc)

Round 6: Ch 2 (does not count as dc). Work FPDC in first 4 dc, 2 dc in next st. Establishing a pattern of 4 FPDC, then 4 dc, work increase every 5th st, whether post or dc. Join with FPSS. (36 FPDC + 36 dc)

Round 7: Ch 2, work FPDC in each FPDC, dc in each dc around. Join with BPSS. (36 FPDC + 36 dc)

Round 8: Ch 2, work BPDC in each FPDC; work FPDC in each dc [read as FPDC in subsequent rounds]. Join with BPSS (36 BPDC + 36 FPDC)

Round 9: Ch 2, work BPDC in each BPDC; work FPDC in each FPDC, joining with BPSS.

Round 10: Ch 2, work FPDC in each BPDC; work BPDC in each FPDC. Join with FPSS.

Round 11: Repeat round 10, joining with BPSS.

Repeat rounds 8-11 until hat measures 7-1/2” from the center of the crown to the lower edge.

Finish with 2 rounds of sc using smaller hook. Final row of sc may be reverse sc for a more decorative look.

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