**Materials:**
- Hook: H (5mm) or size required for size of finished hat
- Yarn: Worsted weight yarn, 3 oz. main color,
  2 oz contrast color (this one is made with Caron Simply Soft)
- Needle to weave in ends

**Special stitches:**

- **Long Double Crochet (LDC).** Yarn over as for DC, but insert hook at the bottom of the stitch in the previous row; pull up loop until even with the top of the stitch, and then complete the DC in the usual manner (yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops).

- **Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC).** Yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around DC in the row below; pull up a loop and complete the DC in the usual manner (yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops).

**Instructions:**

With main color, chain 4, join with slip stitch (SS) to make a ring.

**Round 1:** Chain 2 (does not count as a double crochet throughout the pattern). Make 12 double crochets (dc) in the ring; join with SS to top of first DC. Do not turn unless told to do so.

**Round 2:** Chain 2; 2 DC in joining DC and in each DC around, change to contrast color when joining with SS in top of first DC. Do not cut main color; it will be picked up in Round 4. (24 DC)

**Round 3:** Chain 2, 1 DC in joining DC, *2 DC in the next stitch*. Repeat around, ending with 2 DC. Change to main color when joining with SS in top of first DC. Do not cut contrast color; it will be picked up in Round 5. (36 DC)

**Round 4:** Chain 2, LDC in joining DC, 2 DC in the next stitch, DC in the following stitch. *LDC, 2 DC in the next stitch, 1 DC in the next stitch* around; change to contrast color when joining with SS in top of first LDC. (48 DC)

**Round 5:** Chain 2, DC in joining DC and next 2 DC, 2 DC in the following stitch. *DC in 3 stitches, 2 DC in the next stitch* around. Change to main color when joining with SS in top of first DC. (60 DC)

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**Round 6**: Chain 2, LDC in joining DC. 2 DC in next stitch, LDC in the next stitch, DC in next 2 stitches. *LDC, 2 DC in next stitch, LDC in the next stitch, DC in next 2 stitches* around. Change to contrast color when joining with SS in top of first LDC. (72 DC)

**Round 7**: Chain 2, DC in joining DC and each DC around. Change to main color when joining with SS in top of first DC. (72 DC)

**Round 8**: Chain 2, LDC in joining DC, DC in next 2 stitches, *LDC in next stitch, DC in next 2 stitches* around. Change to contrast color when joining with SS in top of first LDC. (72 DC)

**Rounds 9-14**: Repeat rounds 7 & 8, but do not change to contrast color at the end of round 14. Cut it leaving an end to weave in. For longer hat, add a repeat of these rows.

**Round 15**: Continuing with main color, chain 2, FPDC around joining DC, FPDC around next DC; *DC in next three stitches, FPDC in following three stitches* around, ending with one FPDC. Join with SS in top of first FPDC.

**Rounds 16 & 17**: Repeat Round 15.

**Round 18**: Chain 1, turn. SC in each stitch around, join with SS in first SC and end off.

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