**Materials:**
Hook: J hook with Yarn: Caron Simply Soft
Hook: I hook with Yarn: Bernat Satin Sport

**Instructions:**
Do not join rounds, work cap in a spiral.

1. Ch 4, join to make ring or use invisible ring
2. 10 ldc in ring.
3. 2 ldc in each st around.
4. 1 ldc in first st, 2 ldc next st, repeat around.
5. 1 ldc each of first 2 st, 2 ldc next, repeat around.
6. 1 ldc each of first 3 st, 2 ldc next, repeat around.
7. 1 ldc each of first 4 st, 2 ldc next, repeat around.
8. 1 ldc each of first 5 st, 2 ldc next, repeat around.
9. Continue increasing until cap crown measures 6 – 6.25 inches in diameter.
10. 1 ldc in each st until length measures 7 – 7.5 inches from center of crown.

If desired a row or two of sc may replace final rows of ldc.

Fasten off. Secure yarn ends invisibly and cap will be reversible with each side showing a different stitch pattern. Add flower, bow or button if desired.

**Special stitch** - linked double crochet - ldc

*This stitch may be used in any cap pattern.

Do NOT wrap yarn to begin ldc stitch as you would for a normal dc stitch.

**Beginning ldc (first stitch only!)** ch 3, insert hook in middle chain of ch 3, wrap yarn, bring loop through. Insert hook in ring bring up loop, wrap yarn, bring through two loops, wrap yarn and bring through last two loops. Stitch completed.

**All other ldc:** insert your hook, top to bottom, under the horizontal bar of the stitch you just worked. (This loop runs parallel to the front loop at the top and is midway in the stitch.) yo and pull up a loop. Insert your hook in the next st, yo and pull up a loop. You now have three loops on your hook, work them off as for a normal double crochet.
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