**SHIRLEY’S FRONT POST/SHELL HAT**

**Materials:**
Hook:  G for a softer feel.  F for a firmer feel
Yarn:  Soft sport weight or soft light worsted weight (such as  
Loop & Threads Soft & Shiny)
Tapestry needle.

**Instructions:**

Chain 4.  Join (I use magic loop)

**Row 1:**  Chain 2 (does not count as dc throughout).  12 dc in circle.  
Join in first dc.

**Row 2:**  Ch 2, *2 dc in each dc around.  Repeat from * around.  
Join. (24 dc)

**Row 3:**  Ch 2, *dc in first dc, 2 dc in next dc.  Repeat from * around.  Join. (36 dc)

**Row 4:**  Ch 2, *dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc.  Repeat from * around.  Join (48 dc)

**Row 5:**  Ch 2, *dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc.  Repeat from * around.  Join. (60 dc (Work should  
measure aprox 5 ½ to 6 inches.  If too small, adjust by add another row, increasing in same  
manner. (72 dc)

**Row 6:**  Ch 2, *working in back loop only, dc in each dc around.  Join.

**Rows 7-10:**  Ch 2, dc in first dc, from front, dc around post of next dc (fpdc), *dc in next dc, fpdc in next dc.  
Repeat from * around.  Join.

**Rows 11-15:**  Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), hdc in each stitch around.  Join.

**Rows 16-18:**  Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in first hdc, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st (shell made),  
*skip 2 sts, sc in next st, skip 2 sts, shell in next st.  Repeat from * around.  Join in first sc.  
(to go to next row, slip st to center of first shell, sc.)

**NOTES:**  Sizes can be adjusted by adding or subtracting fpdc rows.  Hdc rows or shell rows.  
Beginning rows can be done by working in back loops only to change appearance.

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