

Wall Bonnet



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Floral decorations by my mom, Dorothy Grefost



Materials:

- ✓ 2 balls of white Speed CroSheen
(you can substitute 3 strands of #10 crochet cotton)
- ✓ Crochet hook size F (or size E if you crochet loosely)
- ✓ Fabric stiffener (see note)
- ✓ Small shallow bowl (to fit snugly inside the crown of the hat)
- ✓ Round pizza pan or flat round tray (see note)
- ✓ Plastic wrap
- ✓ Small silk (or crocheted) flowers
- ✓ Ribbon
- ✓ Hot glue gun and glue
- ✓ Thin wire

Stiffener note: I used Plaid Stiffy, but there are many other commercial stiffeners. There are also lots of other methods for stiffening.

Bowl and tray note: These are going to be the “molds” for stiffening the hat. Try the hat on different size bowls and trays until you get the look you like for the hat.

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Ch 4; join with a sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 11 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (12 dc)

Round 2: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, fpdc around the beginning ch 3 on round 1, (dc in the next dc, fpdc around the same dc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 sts)

Round 3: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc, (dc in the next dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (36 sts)

Round 4: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the next dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc, (dc in each of the the next 2 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 sts)

Round 5: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 2 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc, (dc in each of the the next 3 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (60 sts)

Round 6: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 3 dc, fpdc around the next fpdc, (dc in each of the next 4 dc,

fpdc around the next fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (60 sts)

Rounds 7-11: Repeat round 6.

Round 12: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 3 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc, (dc in each of the the next 4 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (72 sts)

Round 13: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same st, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, fpdc around the same dc, 2 dc in each of the next 2 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc, (2 dc in each of the next 2 dc, dc in the next dc, fpdc around the same dc, 2 dc in each of the next 2 dc, dc in the top of the next fpdc, fpdc around the same fpdc) 11 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (144 sts)

Round 14: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in each of the next 4 dc, fpdc around the next fpdc, (dc in each of the next 5 dc, fpdc around the next fpdc) 23 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3. (144 sts)

Rounds 15-16: Repeat round 14.

Round 17: Sl st in each of the next 2 sts, ch 4 to count as the first trc, work 8 more trc in the same st, skip next 2 dc, fpdc

around the next fpdc, skip next 2 dc, (9 trc in the next dc, skip next 2 dc, fpdc around the next fpdc, skip next 2 dc) 23 times; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 4.

Finishing

Step 1.

If using a commercial stiffener, pour a generous amount into a plastic bag. Add the crocheted hat and close the bag. Work the stiffener into the hat through the bag (this will keep your hands clean), adding more stiffener as needed. Since we used a heavy thread for the hat, it will take quite a while for the hat to thoroughly absorb the stiffener, so let the bag sit overnight. If using a different stiffening method, follow the directions, making sure the hat is thoroughly soaked.

Step 2.

Cover the bowl and tray with plastic wrap. Set the bowl, bottom up, in the center of the tray. Wring the excess stiffener from the hat and place the crown over the bowl. Carefully arrange the brim of the hat over the tray. You can fuss with this a bit until you get the stitches straight and the scallops even. When you get the hat looking the way you want it, set it in a place where it won't be disturbed to dry. With this thick thread, it will probably take several days to dry completely. Do not remove until the hat is completely dry.

Step 3.

Remove dried hat from "mold". Arrange flowers, bows, and

ribbon around the brim of the hat. Hot glue in place. Attach a loop of thin wire to the inside of the hat for hanging.

