



# Cool Hat by Melissa Mall

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*Difficulty:* Easy

*Finished Size:* 21" circumference at brim, to fit child approx. 3-10 years old

### Materials:

- ◆ I/9 (5.50 mm) hook
- ◆ Lion Brand Wool-Ease Solid [80% Acrylic, 20% Wool; 197yd/ 180m per 3oz/85g skein] Red: 25 yds; Green: 30 yds; Blue: 35 yds
- ◆ Stitch marker to keep track of rounds (optional)
- ◆ Yarn needle

*Gauge:* 12 sts/10 rows = 4 inches/10 cm in hdc

### Abbreviations:

bpdc = back post double crochet

ch = chain

fpdc = front post double crochet

hdc = half-double crochet

inc = increase by making 2 sts in each st

rnd = round

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

*Note:* Hat is made in a spiral; do not join rounds unless directed. Pay special attention to directions around color changes to reduce jog.

### *Directions*

Rnd 1: With Red, ch 2. Make 8 hdc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook. (8 hdc)

Rnd 2: [Hdc inc] in each st around. (16 hdc)

Rnd 3: [Hdc in next st, hdc inc in next st] around. (24 hdc)

Rnd 4: [Hdc in next 2 sts, hdc inc in next st] around. (32 hdc)

Rnd 5: [Hdc in next 3 sts, hdc inc in next st] around. (40 hdc)

Rnd 6: [Hdc in next 4 sts, hdc inc in next st] around. (48 hdc)

Rnd 7: [Hdc in next 5 sts, hdc inc in next st] around. (56 hdc) Sc in next st, sl st in next st. Switch to Green.

Rnd 8: Sc in next st. Hdc in each of the next 56 sts; last hdc should be made in sc.

Rnds 9-12: Hdc in each st around.

Sc in next st, sl st in next st. Switch to Blue.

Rnd 13: Repeat Rnd 8.

Rnds 14-15: Hdc in each st around.

Rnd 16: Sc in next st, sl st in next st. Ch 2; [fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st] around. (56 dc) Join rnd.

Rnd 17: Ch 2; [fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st] around. Join rnd.

Finish off; weave in all ends.