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sisterhood than the world has ever known.*

*Nellie McClung, 1916*

## Pussycat Hat



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Crochet this hat using any weight of pink yarn with the appropriate hook, then wear it with pride or gift it to a loved one, friend, or stranger. My hat is made using 4 ounces of Red Heart Comfort with a 5mm hook. I made the Medium size and started with a Chain 36 + 3 extra.

## Canadian/US terms used.

**Abbreviations:** ch = chain; st = stitch; sc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; dc = double crochet; fpdc = front post double crochet; bpdc = back post double crochet

**NOTE 1:** When you are working double crochet/dc, the ch3 DOES count as the first dc of the row.

**NOTE 2:** Instead of double crochet, you can work Step 3 in single crochet (ch 1 at beginning of row, sc in first st and each st to end of the row) or half double crochet (ch 1 at beginning of row, hdc in first st and each st to end of the row).

**Size Small (child/teen) 20"; Medium 22"; Large 24"**

- Step 1. Make a chain 10 (11, 12) inches long that is a multiple of 2, plus 3 extra stitches.
- Step 2. **Set up Row for ribbing:** Dc in 5<sup>th</sup> ch from hook, and in each ch to end of the row. **Ribbing:** Ch3 as first fpdc, bpdc in next st; \*fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st; repeat from \* to end of the row. Repeat this Row until work from beginning measures 3  $\frac{3}{4}$  (4  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 4  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches.
- Step 3. **Top Section of Hat:** Ch 3 as first dc, dc in next st and in each st to end of the row. Repeat this Row until work from beginning measures 12 (13, 14) inches.
- Step 4. **Set up Row for ribbing:** Ch3 as first dc, dc in each st to end of the row. **Ribbing:** Ch3 as first fpdc, bpdc in next st; \*fpdc in next st, bpdc in next st; repeat from \* to end of the row. Repeat this Row until you have completed as many Ribbing Rows as worked in Step 2. Work from beginning measures 16  $\frac{1}{2}$  (17  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 18  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) inches.
- Fold the piece in half with right sides facing and slip stitch or sew up side seams; weave in ends.

- If you like, you can add an 'inner ear' piece to emphasize the ear shapes, using a contrasting colour: ch 9; 1 hdc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook; 1 dc in each of next 2 ch; in next ch work 1 treble, 1 double treble; in next ch work 1 double treble, 1 treble; 1 dc in each of next 2 ch; hdc in last ch, then ch1, sl st in same st. Cut yarn leaving a long tail for sewing, and fasten off. Make one more. Sew the triangular shapes to top front corners of hat.



**Finished! I hope you enjoy making this hat and wearing it.**

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