

# Audrea's Hood



*This cap is very easy to make and works up quickly. It is worked bottom-up: first back and forth and later in the round, after which the edging and tassels are added on. The tassels may be substituted with braids or pom-poms at the reader's discretion.*

## You will need...

**Hook size** – US 1/9 - 5.50mm

**Yarn** – 230 yds Medium weight worsted (4) – *Red Heart Super Saver "Chili" used*

**Gauge** – not necessary, but 9 dc = 3in

**Notions** – Yarn needle, stitch marker (optional)

## Abbreviations

**RS** – right side

**WS** – wrong side

**Rnd** – round

**Ch** – chain

**St** – stitch

**Sc** – single crochet

**Hdc** - half-double crochet

**Dc** – double crochet

**FPdc** – front post double crochet

**YO** – yarn over

**Sk** – skip

**Sl st** – slip stitch

**Beg** – beginning

**Tog** – together

## Special Stitches

**FPdc-3tog** – After finishing last dc, YO, insert hook behind indicated dc in row below, around post and to the front on the other side, YO and pull through once, repeat 2 times, ending with 4 loops on hook, YO and pull through all 4 loops.

**Cluster** – FPdc-3tog around indicated dc in dc row below, skipping sc row.

*See photos on page 6.*

## Adult Size

**Row 1** – Ch 68. Dc in 4th chain from hook, dc in each ch across, turn. 66 st. Mark row as RS.

**Row 2** – Ch 1. Sc in each dc across, turn. Mark row as WS.

**Row 3** – Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout). Dc in next two sc, cluster in 5<sup>th</sup> dc, sk one sc, dc in next two sc, cluster in next dc, \*sk two dc, cluster in next dc, sk two sc, dc in next two sc, cluster in next dc, repeat from \* to last three sc, dc in last three sc, turn. 30 clusters.

**Row 4** – Ch 1. Sc in each st across, turn. 66 sc.

**Row 5** – Ch 3. Dc in next 2 sc, \*cluster in first dc between clusters of previous row, sk 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, cluster in second dc between clusters of previous row\*, repeat from \* to \* to last 3 sc, dc in last 3 sc, turn.

*Repeat rows 4 and 5 once more.  
15 braids.*

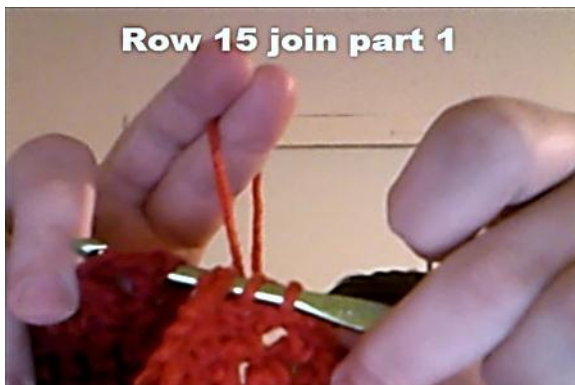
**Row 8, WS** – Ch 1. Sc in each st across, turn. 66 sc.

**Row 9, RS** – Ch 3. Dc in each sc across, turn. 66 dc.

*Repeat row 9 five times.*



**Rnd 15** (See photos on page 6) – Ch 3. With RS facing, dc-2tog, (dc in next 10 dc, dc-2tog) twice, dc in next 12 dc, (dc-2tog, dc in next 10 dc) twice, dc-2tog. To make last dc, YO and insert hook in last st and in base of first st on same row, YO and pull through twice. Sl st to top of beg ch 3. Do not turn. 60 st.





**Rnd 16** – Ch 3. Dc in next 3 st, (dc-2tog, dc in next 4 st) around to last 2 st, dc-2tog, sl st to top of beg ch 3. 50 st.

**Rnd 17** – Ch 3. Dc in next 2 st, (dc-2tog, dc in next 3 st) around to last 2 st, dc-2tog, sl st to top of beg ch 3. 40 st.

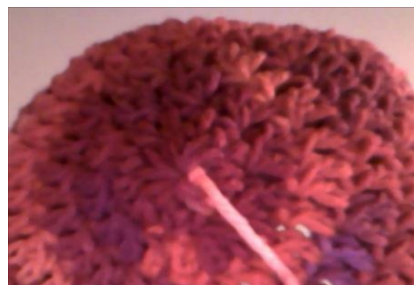
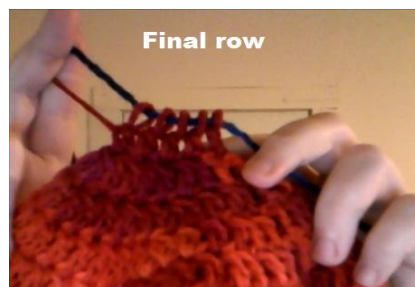
**Rnd 18** – Ch 3. Dc in next st, (dc-2tog, dc in next 2 st) around to last 2 st, dc-2tog, sl st to top of beg ch 3. 30 st.

**Rnd 19** – Ch 3. (Dc-2tog, dc in next st) around to last 2 st, dc-2tog, sl st in top of beg ch 3. 20 st.

**Rnd 20** – Ch 2. Dc in next st, dc-2tog around, sl st in top of first dc. 10 st.

**Rnd 21** – For this row, it may be easier to take a spare piece of yarn and pull it through each loop as you go, instead of leaving them on the hook.

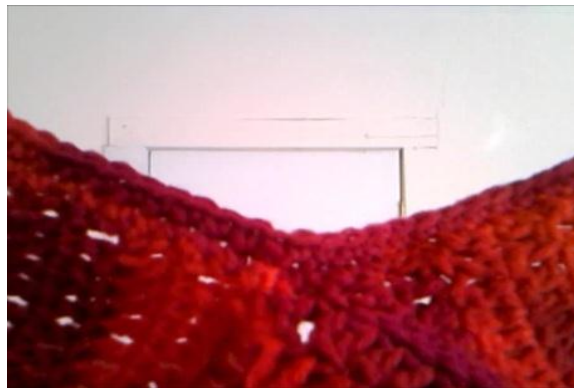
Ch 2, (YO and insert hook in next st, YO and pull through once, leaving last loop on hook or spare piece of yarn) around. There should be 10 loops. Cut a lengthy tail, weave it through the loops, and pull tight. With a yarn needle, sew the loops so that there is no open space. Leave the tail on RS of work to help with attaching the tassel.



## Edging

With RS of work facing, join to the bottom edge of the back of the hat. Ch 1. Sc in same place as join, sc along edge of hat to corner of ear flap, 3 sc in corner, sc in each st along edge of front, 3 sc in corner, sc along edge of hat to join, sl st in first sc. Specific count is not necessary, but make sure the bottom edges are even and do not bunch.

Still with RS facing, ch 1, sc in same st, sc across to last 5 st before corner st of first ear flap, \*hdc in first three st, dc in next two st, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner st, dc in next two st, hdc in next three st\*, sc across to last 5 st before corner st of second ear flap, repeat from \* to \*, sc in each of remaining st, join to top of beg sc. Finish off.



### Tassels - make 3

You may choose to make your tassels in whatever style you wish, if you choose to make them. The instructions for my tassels are made as follows:

- Take whatever color or colors you chose for your hat and cut a large number of lengths of yarn about a foot long each. Divide these up equally into three groups for each tassel.
- Take another length of yarn the same color as the main color of your hat. I stretched mine between two chair legs.
- Then take each individual length of yarn for the tassel, fold it in half, then fold it over the stretched yarn so that there is a loop, pull the ends through the loop, and pull tight. Repeat this for each piece for the one tassel until it is the volume you want. If using multiple colors, alternate between colors to disperse them more evenly.
- Make sure the pieces are all tight on the yarn, then push them tightly together side by side so that they form a small curve and there are long tails on either side.
- Curl the line around tightly so that one end has a single piece of yarn on the top and the other part is to the side.
- Wrap this second part tightly around the tassel to make a band, and with the needle pull it up from the band through the tassel to the top.
- Tie this end and the other end tightly, then with the needle again pull the shorter end down through the center of the tassel to hide it inside.



To attach the tassel to the back of the hat, just sew it in and make sure that it is firmly attached.

To attach the tassels to the ear flaps, pull the end through the ch2 loop and sew it through the base of the tassel multiple times, making sure that it is attached firmly. To give it a finished look, you can wrap the end around the ch2 loop and sew it into the tassel like you did when making the band on the tassel. Hide the end in the tassel or cut it off to the back of your work.

Weave in all ends and you're done.

**Special Stitches – Cluster Stitch**

