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## Crocheted Seamen's Cap

Pattern by Beth Hall



**Material:** 4-ply yarn (one 4-ounce skein should complete a cap)

**Hook:** Size H or size needed for gauge

**Other:** A yarn needle or smaller hook for finishing

**Gauge:** 11 hdc = 4" and 2 rows hdc = 1"

**Abbreviations:**

ch = chain

hdc = half double crochet

st = stitch

## Directions:

Chain 45 loosely.

**Row 1:** Slip st in second chain from hook and next 5 chs, sc in next 6 chs, hdc in next 16 chains, slip st in last 16 chs. [44 st] Ch 1, turn.

***Starting with row 2 and all following rows,  
work all stitches in the back loop only.***

**Row 2:** Slip st in the first 16 slip st of the previous row, ch 1, turn. Slip st in the 16 slip st just completed (working back towards lower edge; these will create the cap's "ribbing"), ch 1, turn. Slip st in the 16 slip st just completed, hdc in the next stitch from row 1 and next 15 stitches, sc in next 6 st, slip st in the next 3 stitches, ch 1 turn leaving the last 3 slip stitches unworked. [41 st]

**Row 3:** Slip st in the next 3 st, sc in next 6 st, hdc in next 16 st, slip st in last 16 st. [41 st] Ch 1, turn.

**Row 4:** Slip st in the first 16 slip st of the previous row, ch 1, turn. Slip st in the 16 slip st just completed (back towards lower edge to create the cap's "ribbing"), ch 1, turn. Slip st in the 16 slip st just completed, hdc in the next stitch from row 3 and next 15 stitches, sc in next 6 st, slip st in the next 3 stitches, then slip st in last 3 unworked stitches from row 1. [44 st] Ch 1, turn.

**Row 5:** Slip st in the next 6 st, sc in next 6 st, hdc in next 16 st, slip st in last 16 st. [44 st] Ch 1, turn.

Continue repeating rows 2-5, 12 times, ending with row 5, for a total of 53 rows, or to desired size. Break off yarn, leaving a long enough tail to sew the side seam and close the top.

To sew side seam, catch the remaining side of the starting chain and the back loop of the last row. At top of hat, secure seam, then use a yarn needle or small hook to "catch" top of slip stitch for each row; gather tightly and secure. Weave any yarn ends in to finish. Do not block or add a pompom.