

The Dudes' Cactus Caps - A caps-only short pattern edition.



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The little **Dudes** live among us, but only a child at heart can truly see them. They are bald and shy, so they cover their heads and half of their faces with whatever they find in their surroundings.

These endearing amigurumi/crochet dolls are faceless little fantasy creatures. They are educational dolls for learning and for play-therapy, as well as unique collectible decorative figurines. The **Dudes'** minimalist features, inspired by the Waldorf approach, are designed to stimulate the imagination, and their pocket size is suitable for those little hands to make the perfect companions.

Materials:

- Fine (level 2) 100% mercerized cotton yarn
Colors: 2 different shades of green | pale yellow | fuchsia
- Light - Medium worsted (level 3-4) 100% acrylic yarn: light grey
- Small amount of Lace weight (level 0) crochet/embroidery thread (*colors of your choice*)
- Crochet hooks (*depends on your tension*): 2.5mm - 3mm | 1.5mm | 2.5mm - 3.5mm
- Yarn needle | Thread needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Scissors
- Slicker pet brush

Notes:

- Work in a **spiral** = continuous rounds (vs. joined rounds), unless otherwise indicated.
- Work in **rows** when indicated.
- Begin the pieces with a **Magic Ring** (= magic circle / adjustable ring).
- Use a **stitch marker** / **scrap of yarn** to mark the last stitch in the round.
- Use the **Invisible Decrease** to minimize the appearance of holes and bumps.
- All dimensions and stitch counts assume the use of yarns of the same thickness, to get a perfect fit between the Dudes' heads and their caps.
- The caps should sit snugly on the Dudes' heads. If you find that your stitches are too loose/too tight, consider changing your hook size accordingly.

Finished Dimensions (Dude + cap) vary according to the measurements of the caps and are specified individually for each design.

Skill level: Easy - Intermediate.

Abbreviations (US Terms):

Special stitches - French Knot Whip stitch	BL/BLO = back loop/back loop only
R = round / Rs = rounds	FL/FLO = front loop/front loop only
mr = magic ring	sp = space
ch = chain stitch	sk = skip
sc = single crochet	rep = repeat
dc = double crochet	FO = fasten off
Inc = increase (2sc in next stitch)	[] = number of stitches
Dec = decrease (2sc together)	() x _ = repeat pattern in parentheses as many times as indicated
st = stitch / sts = stitches	*..* = repeat pattern between asterisks
ss = slip stitch	



Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 11cm (4.3"). Width: 5cm (2").

With green cotton yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Cap

Make a **mr**

R1: 6 sc in mr [6]

R2: (Inc) x 6 [12]

R3: (Inc, 1sc) x 6 [18]

R4: (Inc, 2sc) x 6 [24]

R5: (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

R6: (Inc, 4sc) x 6 [36]

R7: (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]

R8-14 (7 Rs): Sc around [42]

R15: (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36], ss in 1st sc.

FO and weave in the end.



Bud

Make a **mr**

R1: 5 sc in mr [5]

R2: (Inc) x 5 [10]

R3: (Inc, 1sc) x 5 [15]

R4: (Inc, 2sc) x 5 [20]

R5-6 (2 Rs): Sc around [20]

R7: (Dec, 2sc) x 5 [15]

***Note:** you can lightly stuff the bud now or wait until after you make the flower.*

R8: (Dec, 3sc) x 3 [12]

R9: (Dec, 1sc) x 4 [8]

Leave a long tail for later sewing.



Flower (Colors are optional)

With off-white crochet/embroidery thread and a 1.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr** and 12sc in the mr. Ss to 1st sc ^a.

Cut the thread and attach fuchsia ^b-

(Ch2, dc next st, ch2, ss next st) x 6 ^c [6 petals] ^d



Leave a long tail to sew the flower on top of the bud, stuff the bud lightly and sew to the cap. FO and weave in the ends.





Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 9cm (3.5"). Width: 5cm (2").

Cap

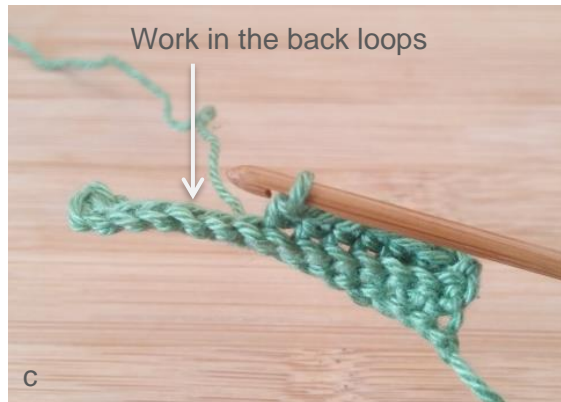
The cap is worked in rows as a flat rectangle ^d.

With green cotton yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook, or a smaller hook size (if necessary) to get the cap to fit snug -

Ch 15 ^a

In 2nd ch from hook - 14sc across ^b, ch1, turn [14]

In 1st sc BLO - *14sc across ^c, ch1, turn* rep 32 more times ^d.





This pattern makes a 3D ridges texture

Leave a long tail and sew both ends together with a **whip stitch** - →

Thread a needle and position the two edges facing each other.

Weave through the two corresponding loops of the two edges to be joined.

Repeat across to form a tube.



Continue to close the top opening -

Draw the needle from the outside of the prominent ridge's loop ^a and weave all the way through and around ^b. Pull the yarn to gather the opening ^c. Don't pull too tight, it doesn't have to be totally closed.



FO and weave in the ends.

Flower *(Colors are optional)*

With yellow cotton yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr** (don't pull to close yet, but work into the mr)

(ch2, dc, ch2, ss into the mr)^a x 6
[6 petals]^b



Now pull the yarn to close^c.

Leave a long tail and sew the flower to the top of the cap, so it covers the opening.



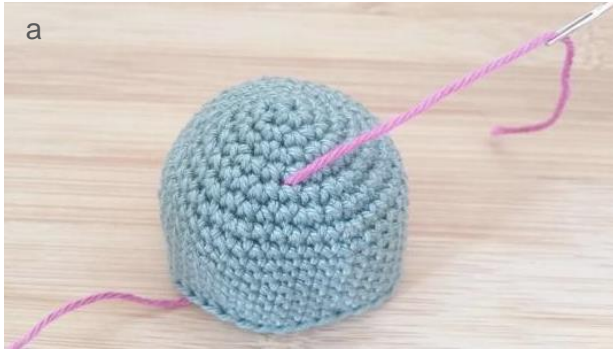
Stamen

Thread a needle with fuchsia cotton yarn -

Make a **French knot** (see instructions on the next page) in the middle of the flower.



How to make a French knot



Bring the needle up from the inside out.



Wrap the yarn around the needle 3 times.



Insert the needle back into the cap, close to the hole you came up from, and start pulling the yarn from the inside.



Continue holding the working yarn taut with your left hand while pulling.
***The wrapped yarn needs to be snug against the needle. The needle, however, should be able to slide through the wrapped loops smoothly.**



Pull slowly through the wrapped loops to complete the knot.



Voilà!



Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 8.5cm (3.3"). Width: 5cm (2").

Cap

With light grey acrylic yarn and a 2.5mm - 3.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr**

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

R2: (Inc) x 6 [12]

R3: (Inc, sc) x 6 [18]

R4: (2sc, inc) x 6 [24]

***R5:** (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

R6: 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 5, inc, sc [36]

R7-12 (6 Rs): Sc around [36]

R13: (Dec, 4sc) x 6 [30]

Ss in 1st sc.

FO and weave in the ends.



*** Important Note -** Using yarn of different types and from different weight categories, may results in a cap that is too big to perfectly fit the Dude's head. In that case, use a smaller hook size, or stop increasing after **R5** and work: 'sc around' for 5 rounds more:

R6-10 (5 Rs): Sc around [30]

R11: (Dec, 13sc) x 2 [28], ss in 1st sc.

Using a slicker pet brush, brush the cap firmly in different directions to pull out the fibers and make it fuzzy.



Flower (Colors are optional)

With green crochet/embroidery thread and a 1.5mm crochet hook -

Ch13.

In 2nd ch from hook - 12sc across ^a.

Cut the thread and attach pink to 1st sc ^b -

Ch7. In 2nd ch from hook - 6sc across, ss next st ^c rep across [12 petals] ^d





a

**Leave a long tail and cut the yarn.
Roll the strap of petals in a spiral to your
desired size.**



b

Shape the flower.



c

Sew to secure.



d

**Sew the flower onto the cap.
FO and weave in the ends.**





Hope you enjoy adding these cactus caps to your Dudes' collection!

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