

The Dudes' Carnival Treat 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: white | off-white | red | green
- Light - Medium worsted (level 3-4) 100% acrylic yarn: pink
- Crochet hooks (*depends on your tension*): 2.5mm - 3mm | 3mm - 3.5mm
- Yarn needle | Sewing needle
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner
- Small beads in colors of your choice.
- 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: Intermediate.

Abbreviations (US Terms):

<p>Special stitches: edc cluster = extended double crochet cluster (<i>explained in detail in the pattern</i>)</p> <p>R = round / Rs = rounds</p> <p>mr = magic ring</p> <p>ch = chain stitch</p> <p>sc = single crochet</p> <p>hdc = half double crochet</p> <p>dc = double crochet</p> <p>Inc = increase (2sc in the same stitch)</p> <p>Dec = decrease (2sc together)</p> <p>st = stitch / sts = stitches</p>	<p>ss = slip stitch</p> <p>ss2tog = 2ss together</p> <p>sk = skip</p> <p>rep = repeat</p> <p>FO = fasten off</p> <p>FL/FLO = front loop/front loop only</p> <p>BL/BLO = back loop/back loop only</p> <p>[] = number of stitches</p> <p>() x _ = repeat pattern in parentheses as many times as indicated</p> <p>*..* = repeat pattern between asterisks</p>
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Finished dimensions (approx.): Height (excluding the cane): 8cm (3"). Width: 5cm (2").

Apple

With red yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr**

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

R2: Sc around [6]

R3: (Inc, sc) x 3 [9]

R4: 2sc, (Inc, 2sc) x 2, inc [12]

R5: (Inc, sc) x 6 [18]

R6: (2sc, inc) x 6 [24]

R7: (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

R8: 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 5, inc, sc [36]

R9: (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]

R10: 3sc, (Inc, 6sc) x 5, inc, 3sc [48]

R11-17 (7 Rs): Sc around [48]

R18: (Dec, 6sc) x 6 [42]

R19: (Dec, 5sc) x 2, 4dc same st, sk1, 9sc, 3hdc same st, sk1, ss, 4dc same st, sk1, (dec, 4sc) x 2, ss in 1st sc.

FO and weave in the ends.



Use the tip of the hook and the tail that formed the magic ring to push/pull the tip of the cap inside, to create the sunken part of the apple.



Leaf

The leaf is worked on both sides of the foundation chains ^a and so the stitches mirror each other to get a symmetrical shape.

With green yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Ch 10 (= the foundation chains) ^a.

In 2nd ch from hook - Ss, sc, hdc, 3dc, hdc, sc, (ss, ch 1, ss same st) ^b, turn and work on the other side of the foundation chains ^c - sc, hdc, 3dc, hdc, sc, ss.



FO and leave a tail for later sewing.

Cane

Start with red yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr**

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

R2: Sc around [6]

Leave the last sc of R2 unworked to make a Color Change (see next page for instructions) **to white -**

R3-4 (2 Rs): Sc around [6] **Make a color change.**

Repeat Rs3-4 10 more times, alternating between the colors.

FO and leave a tail for later sewing.

***Note** - When making the Color Change, don't cut the unworked yarn - Put it aside and use it again when you have to switch back to it.*

Bend a pipe cleaner on one end and insert it into the cane. Cut it according to the length of the cane and bend the other end. Shape it anyway you like.



Sew the leaf and the cane into the sunken part of the apple. Hide the yarns inside the work and weave in the ends.

Sprinkle some candy by freely sewing small beads in colors of your choice.

How to make a Color Change

Start the final sc with one color by inserting the hook into the last stitch, yarn over ^a and pull up a loop ^b.



Attach the other color to the hook ^c and pull through the two loops on the hook to complete the sc stitch ^d.





Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 10cm (4"). Width: 5cm (2").

Cap

With pink acrylic yarn and a 3mm-3.5mm crochet hook (*see note below*) -

Make a **mr**

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

R2: (Inc, sc) x 3 [9]

R3: 2sc, (Inc, 2sc) x 2, inc [12]

R4: (Inc, 3sc) x 3 [15]

R5: **In FLO of R4** - (Ss2tog, 3ss) x 3 [12]

R6: **In BLO of R5** - (Inc, sc) x 6 [18]

R7: 2sc, (Inc, 2sc) x 5, inc [24]

R8: (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]

R9: **In FLO of R8** - (Ss2tog, ss) x 10 [20]

R10: **In BLO of R9** - (3 inc, sc) x 5 [35]

R11-17 (7 Rs): Sc around [35]

R18: (Dec, 5sc) x 5 [30], ss in 1st sc.

FO and weave in the end.



Note - Using yarn of different types and from different weight categories, may result in a cap that is too big to perfectly fit the Dude's head. Make sure your tension is high or use a smaller hook size.

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





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

Box

The box is worked in rows as a flat strip ^d.

Start with white yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook, or a smaller hook size (if necessary) to get the box to fit snugly -

Ch 6 ^a.

Row 1: In 2nd ch from hook - 5sc across [5]

Attach red to the hook ^b - pull up a loop, ch 1, turn ^c.

Row 2: In 1st sc BLO - 5sc across, ch 1, turn [5]

Row 3: In 1st sc BLO - 5sc across [5]

Attach white to the hook - pull up a loop, ch 1, turn.



Repeat rows 2-3 18 more times, alternating between the colors, so you have 10 stripes of each color.

Attach white to the hook, pull up a loop, ch 1 and turn -

Row 23: In 1st sc BLO - 5sc across [5]

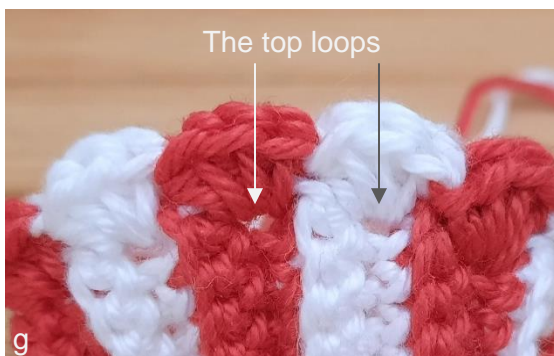


Note - You should end up with a strip made up of 20 stripes that should fit around the Dude's head. If you find it too small/big, adjust the number of repetitions to add/subtract stripes.

Pull the hook out of the loop, insert it in the 1st loop of the beginning chains and draw the working yarn back on the hook ^e. Insert the hook through the two corresponding loops of the two edges and ss across to connect [5 sts], ss into the top loop of the ridge ^f.



At the top loop of the ridge - *4hdc Shell = (4hdc in the same loop) ^g, insert the hook into the next top loop and pull up a loop with the red (see note below) * rep around, alternating between the colors ^h [20 shells]



Important Note - When alternating between the colors, leave the unworked yarn aside, do not work over it as you go (!) and use it again when you have to switch back to it. This will create inner loops for working into them later ^h.

After making the last shell with red, attach the white yarn tail to the hook, pull up a loop and ch 1 to create the last inner loop. FO and weave in the ends.

Popcorn

The popcorn kernels are made up of 3 Extended Double Crochet Cluster (= 3edc cluster) (see instructions on the next page) and worked in a spiral from the bottom-up.

Attach off-white to the last inner loop that was created -

Note that you'll be working in the opposite direction with the inner side ^a of the cap facing you. The 3D popcorn pattern will appear on the outer side ^b of the cap.



R1: 2sc in each inner loop around [40], ss into the 1st sc.

R2: *(In BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc ^c same st), sk1, sc, sk1* 9 times, (in BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st), sk1, sc [10 popcorn kernels, 20sc]

From here, work into each sc, as instructed -

R3: In BLO - (ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st)* rep around [20 popcorn kernels, 20sc]

R4: *(In BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st), sc* rep around [10 popcorn kernels, 20sc]

R5: *Sk1, (in BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st)* rep around [10 popcorn kernels, 10sc]

R6: *Sk1, (in BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st)* rep around [5 popcorn kernels, 5sc]

R7: *(In BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st), sc* rep 2 times, (in BLO - ss, ch 2, 3edc cluster, ch 2, sc same st) [3 popcorn kernels, 5sc]

FO and weave in the ends.



How to make the 3 Extended Double Crochet Cluster

Yarn over, insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop ^a, yarn over and pull through one loop only ^b. Yarn over and pull through two loops ^c.



Repeat between * _ * (a - c) two more times, so that you have three not-quite-complete edc stitches worked into the same stitch, and a total of four loops on the hook ^d.

Yarn over and pull through all four loops at once ^e. (The purple thread in the picture is a stitch marker.)





Hope you enjoy adding these Carnival Treat Caps to your Dudes' collection!

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