

# The Dudes' Yule 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 | green | brown | black
- Lace weight (level 0) crochet/embroidery threads: green | red | orange | yellow/gold
- crochet hooks (*depends on your tension*): 2.5mm - 3mm | 1.5mm
- Yarn needle | Thread needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Scissors
- 5mm black plastic safety doll eyes / Googly eyes
- PVA glue + cotton swab

## 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):

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| <b>Special stitches - Picot Stitch</b><br><b>R</b> = round / <b>Rs</b> = rounds<br><b>mr</b> = magic ring<br><b>ch</b> = chain stitch<br><b>sc</b> = single crochet<br><b>hdc</b> = half double crochet<br><b>dc</b> = double crochet<br><b>st</b> = stitch / <b>sts</b> = stitches<br><b>sk</b> = skip<br><b>rep</b> = repeat | <b>FL/FLO</b> = front loop/front loop only<br><b>BL/BLO</b> = back loop/back loop only<br><b>Inc</b> = increase (2 stitches in the next stitch)<br><b>Dec</b> = decrease (2 stitches together)<br><b>3dc inc</b> = 3dc in the same stitch<br><b>FO</b> = fasten off<br><b>[ ]</b> = number of stitches<br><b>( ) x _</b> = repeat pattern in parentheses as many times as indicated<br><b>*..*</b> = repeat pattern between asterisks |
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**Finished dimensions** (approx.): Height: 9cm (3.5"). Width: 5cm (2").

### Cap

**With white yarn and a 2.5mm 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:** (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]

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

*\*Put a marker between R10-11 to mark where to sew the carrot.*

**R15:** (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

**FO and weave in the ends.**



### Carrot

**With orange thread and a 1.5mm crochet hook -**

Make a **mr**

**R1:** 4sc in mr [4]

**R2:** Sc around [4]

**R3:** (Inc, sc) x 2 [6]

**R4-5 (2 Rs):** Sc around [6]





Leave a tail and cut the yarn. Stuff with a tiny amount of fiberfill (or scraps of orange thread) and sew the carrot onto the cap where you put the marker.

**Eyes** (See photos for suggested placement)

Cut off the tip of two 5mm black plastic safety eyes and glue their round heads to secure into place.  
Alternatively, you can use googly eyes or embroidery.

**Mouth** (See photos for suggested placement)

Freely embroider the mouth with black yarn.



**Hat**

With black yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

R1: 8sc in mr [8]

R2: (Inc) x 8 [16]

R3: (Inc, sc) x 8 [24]

R4: In BLO - Sc around [24]

R5-6 (2 Rs): Sc around [24]

R7: (Dec, 4sc) x 4 [20]

R8-9 (2 Rs): Sc around [20]

R10: In FLO - (Inc, sc) x 10 [30]

R11: Ss around [30], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

Leave a tail and sew to the cap from the unworked back loops of R9. FO and weave in the end.





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

## Cap

**With brown yarn and a 2.5mm 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:** (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]

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

**R15:** (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

**FO and weave in the ends.**



## Frosting

With white yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

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

R2: (Inc) x 6 [12]

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

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

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

The next round (R7) is worked as **Rows in the round**. In this pattern a **Row** contains the vertical work-line that forms the dripping (instructions in parentheses) and the sc stitches that attach the dripping to the main piece.



R7:

Row 1: Sc, (ch 7<sup>a</sup>, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 4hdc) [5 sts], sk, 2sc<sup>b</sup>.

Row 2: Sc, (ch 5, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 2hdc) [3 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 3: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 4: Sc, (ch 8, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 5hdc) [6 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 5: Sc, (ch 5, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 2hdc) [3 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 6: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 7: Sc, (ch 7, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 4hdc) [5 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 8: Sc, (ch 5, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 2hdc) [3 sts], sk, 2sc.

Row 9: Sc, (ch 6, in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook - dc, 3hdc) [4 sts], sk, 2sc. Ss in 1<sup>st</sup> st. [9 drips]<sup>c</sup>

Leave an approx. 70cm (28") long tail and sew the frosting onto the cap by making invisible stitches around the edges of the frosting.





### Holly leaf (make 2)

The leaf is worked on both sides of the foundation chains <sup>c</sup> and the stitches mirror each other to get a symmetrical shape.

The spines of the leaf are made with a Picot Stitch (= Ch 2 <sup>a</sup>, ss in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chain from the hook <sup>b</sup>). The Picot Stitch is made as a continuation of the sc before it and is followed by a sc, as instructed -



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

Ch 10 (= the foundation chains) <sup>c</sup>.

**R1:** In 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook - 2sc, hdc, dc, dc inc, dc, hdc, sc, 3sc in the last st **turn and work on the other side of the foundation chains** - sc, hdc, dc, dc inc, dc, hdc, 2sc <sup>d</sup>.

**R2:** Ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc, \* sc, picot, sc same st, 2ss \* rep around 7 times, ch 3, In 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook - 2ss, ss in 1<sup>st</sup> ss <sup>e</sup>.



Leave a tail and sew the leaves on top of the frosting by making a few stitches at the stems.

### Berry (make 3)

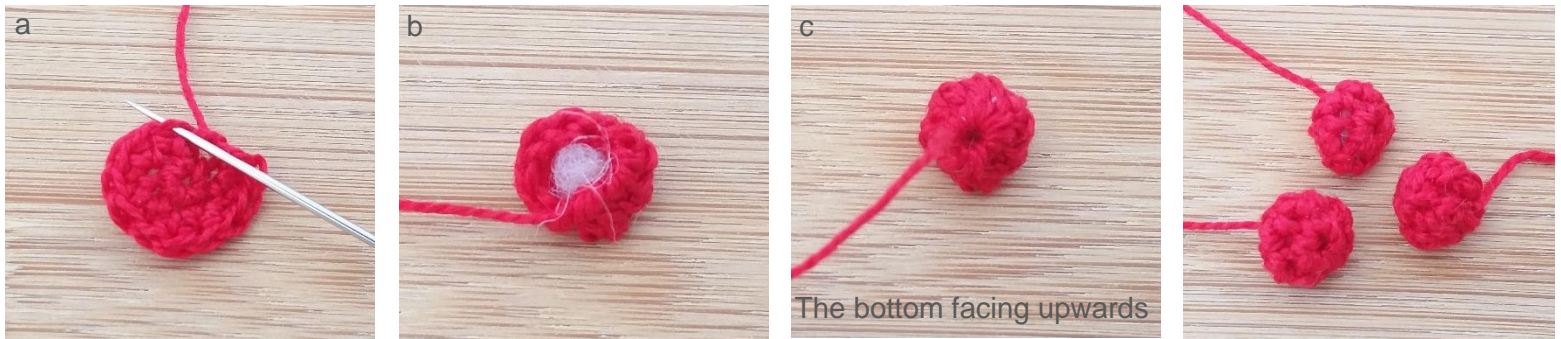
With red crochet/embroidery thread and a 1.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6]

**R2:** (Hdc inc) x 6 [12]

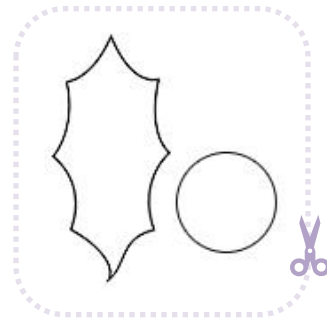
Thread a needle and weave through the front loops of the final stitches <sup>a</sup>. Stuff with a tiny amount of fiberfill (or scraps of red thread) <sup>b</sup> and pull the thread to close <sup>c</sup>.



Sew the berries in the joint between the two leaves (*my personal choice is to sew the berries with the bottom facing upwards for a more realistic look*). FO and weave in the ends.

***Alternative leaves and berries -***

*Use the template to trace the leaf and the berry shape on a piece of felt and cut it out. You can add some details with embroidery. Alternatively, use little pom-poms or beads for the berries.*







**Finished dimensions** (approx.): Height: 12cm (4.7"). Width: 5cm (2").

### Cap

**With green yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -**

Make a **mr**

**R1:** 6sc in mr [6]

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

**R3:** (2sc, inc) x 3 [12]

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

**R5:** 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 2, inc, sc [18]

**R6:** (Inc, 5sc) x 3 [21]

**R7:** 3sc, (Inc, 6sc) x 2, inc, 3sc [24]

**R8:** (Inc, 7sc) x 3 [27]

**Rounds 9, 13, 16 and 19 require working in the front and the back loops separately. The stitches in the front loops will create the tree's branches.**



**Note** - When working in both front and back loops, it is recommended to mark the first and last back loop of the round since they get pulled in while working in the front loops and are difficult to notice.

**R9: In FLO - Sk, ss, \*sk, (dc inc) x 2, sk, ss\* rep 5 times [5 branches]**

**In BLO - 4sc, (Inc, 8sc) x 2, inc, 4sc [30]**

**R10: (Inc, 9sc) x 3 [33]**

**R11: 5sc, (Inc, 10sc) x 2, inc, 5sc [36]**

**R12: (Inc, 11sc) x 3 [39]**

**R13: In FLO - Ss, \*sk, dc, (dc inc) x 2, dc, sk, ss\* rep 5 times, sk 2, ss [5 branches]**

**In BLO - 6sc, (Inc, 12sc) x 2, inc, 6sc [42]**

**R14: In FLO - (Inc, 13sc) x 3 [45] \*The unworked back loops are for sewing the disc (page 11)**

**R15: Sc around [45]**

**R16: In FLO - \*Ss, sk, (dc inc, dc, 3dc inc, dc, dc inc), sk, ss\* rep 5 times [5 branches]**

**In BLO - Sc around [45]**

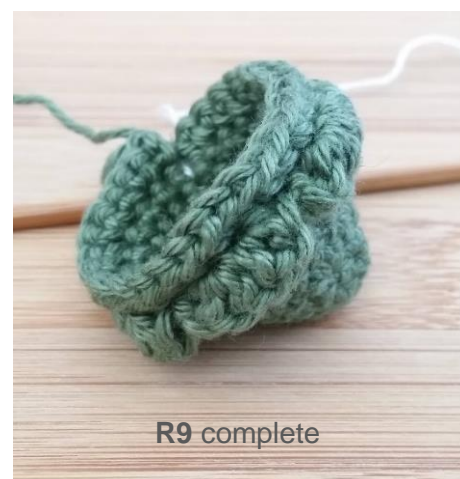
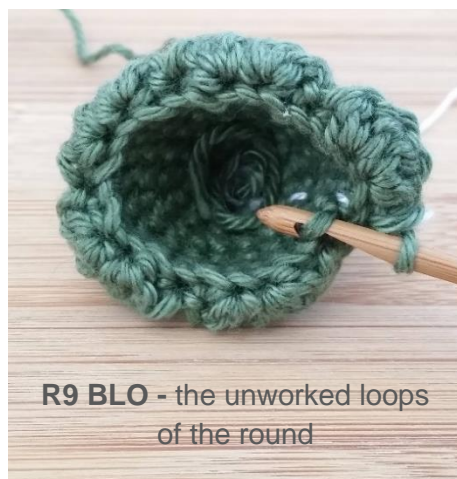
**R17-18 (2 Rs): Sc around [45]**

**R19: In FLO - \*Ss, sk, (dc inc, dc, 3dc inc, dc, dc inc), sk, ss\* rep 5 times [5 branches]**

**In BLO - Sc around [45]**

**R20: Sc around [45]**

**R21: (Dec, 13sc) x 3 [42], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.**





Leave an approx. 1m (40'') tail and cut the yarn. Thread a needle to attach the branches to the cap by making invisible stitches from the inside of the cap to get the branches to hang downwards<sup>a, b</sup>. When moving from one branch to another, weave the yarn through the inner stitches of the cap, so that it is not visible on the outside<sup>c</sup>.



FO and weave in the ends.

**Flat Disc** (serves as the inner closing of the cap)

With green yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a mr

R1: 8sc in mr [8]

R2: (Inc) x 8 [16]

R3: (Inc, sc) x 8 [24]

R4: 2sc, (inc, 2sc) x 7, inc [32]

Leave approx. 40cm (16'') tail and cut the yarn.



Lightly stuff (see note below) the upper part of the cap with fiberfill (down to the back loops of R13)<sup>a</sup> and roll up the opening. Thread a needle with the disc's tail and whip-stitch through the unworked back loops of the cap to keep the stuffing inside<sup>b</sup>.



**Note** - It is recommended to put the cap on the Dude's head before sewing the disc, to make sure that the cap is not over-stuffed.



**With yellow/gold crochet/embroidery thread and a 1.5mm crochet hook -**

Make a **mr**

**R1:** 10sc in mr [10]

**R2:** (Sc, hdc, ch 1, hdc, sc) same st, ss next st \* rep around.

**Leave a tail for later sewing.**

**To stiffen the star, place it on a plastic surface or a baking paper, put a small amount of PVA glue on a cotton swab and apply it to the back side of the star.**

**Set aside to dry. Once dry, thread a needle with the star's tail to sew it to the tip of the tree.**



### Decorations

**Here you can let your imagination run wild: you can use colorful beads, tiny pom-poms, little bells, unique embroidery, or whatever comes to mind... Be creative!**





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

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Happy crocheting,

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