## The Dudes' Halloween 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: stone | black | dark grey | white | orange
- Embroidery threads: grey | black
- crochet hook (depends on your tension): 2.5mm 3mm
- Yarn needle | Thread needle
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaner
- PVA glue + cotton swab

#### Notes:

- Work in a **spiral** = continuous rounds (vs. joined rounds), unless otherwise 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.

#### Abbreviations (US Terms):

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



Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 8cm (3"). Width: 5cm (2").

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The cap is worked in joined rounds. With white yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook - **Note -** The hdc stitches are worked into the hdc stitches of the previous round.

 $\mathsf{Make} \ \mathbf{a} \ \mathbf{mr}$ 

**R1:** Ch 3, (hdc, ch 1) x 7 into the mr, ss in the  $2^{nd}$  ch of the beginning chs.

**R2:** Ch 4, (hdc, ch 2) x 7, ss in the  $2^{nd}$  ch of the beginning chs.





**R3:** Ch 5, (hdc, ch 3) x 7, ss in the  $2^{nd}$  ch of the beginning chs.

**R4-6 (3 Rs):** Ch 6, (hdc, ch 4) x 7, ss in the  $2^{nd}$  ch of the beginning chs.

**R7:** Ch 1, (5sc in the ch 4 gap from the previous round, ss in hdc) x 7, 5sc, ss in the beginning ch 1.

FO and weave in the ends.



#### Spider

Cut a 40cm (16'') long black embroidery thread and fold it in half twice, so that you have four equally-long strands <sup>a</sup>.

Hold the strands together, tie them twice in the middle and pull tightly  $^{\rm b}$  - This is the body.





Place the knotted strands on a plastic surface or a baking paper - These are the legs. Put a small amount of PVA glue on a cotton swab and apply it on the strands {about 1.5cm (0.5") away from the body} <sup>c</sup> to stiffen them. Separate the strands and set them aside to dry <sup>d</sup>.





Once dry, cut the two middle strands shorter than the others <sup>e</sup>. Sew the spider onto the web, FO and hide the excess thread inside the work.











Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 11cm (4.2"). Width: 5cm (2").

#### Stem

#### With dark grey yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a **mr** 

R1: 6sc in mr [6]

R2-15 (14 Rs): Sc around [6]

R16: (Inc) x 6 [12]

**R17:** (Inc, sc) x 6 [18]

R18: Sc around [18]

Leave the last sc of R18 unworked to make a Color Change (see next page for instructions) to orange, but first shape the stem -



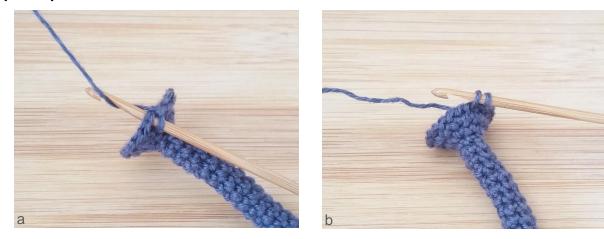
Bend one end of a pipe cleaner and insert it into the stem. Cut it according to the stem's length and bend the end.

Shape it however you like.



### How to make a Color Change

Start the final sc with grey by inserting the hook into the last stitch, yarn over <sup>a</sup> and draw up a loop <sup>b</sup>.



Attach orange to the hook <sup>c</sup> and pull through the two loops on the hook to complete the sc stitch <sup>d</sup>.





Continue with orange -

#### Pumpkin

R1: In BLO - (2sc, inc) x 6 [24]

- R2: (Inc, 3sc) x 6 [30]
- R3: 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 5, inc, sc [36]
- **R4:** (Inc, 5sc) x 6 [42]
- R5: Sc around [42]
- R6: 17sc, ch 4, sk 2, 4sc, ch 4, sk 2, 17sc [46]
- **R7:** 17sc, 2sc in ch 4 sp, 4sc, 2sc in ch 4 sp, 17sc [42]
- **R8:** 20sc, ch 2, sk 2, 20sc [42]
- R9: 20sc, 2sc in ch 2 sp, 20sc [42]
- R10: 15sc, ch 12, sk 12, 15sc [42]
- R11: 15sc, 12sc in ch 12 sp, 15sc [42]
- **R12:** (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

#### FO and weave in the ends.















Finished dimensions (approx.): Height: 13cm (5"). Width: 5cm (2").

With black yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

#### Hat

Make a mr R1: 6sc in mr [6] R2: Sc around [6] R3: (Inc, sc) x 3 [9] R4: Sc around [9] R5: 2sc, (Inc, 2sc) x 2, inc [12] R6: Sc around [12] R7: (Inc, 3sc) x 3 [15] R8: Sc around [15] R9: 3sc, (Inc, 4sc) x 2, inc, sc [18] R10: Sc around [18] R11: (Inc, 5sc) x 3 [21] R12: Sc around [21] R13: 3sc, (Inc, 6sc) x 2, inc, 3sc [24] R14: Sc around [24] R15: (Inc, 7sc) x 3 [27] R16: Sc around [27] R17: 4sc, (Inc, 8sc) x 2, inc, 4sc [30] R18: Sc around [30] R19: (Inc, 4sc) x 6 [36] R20: 3sc, (Inc, 5sc) x 5, inc, 2sc [42] R21-27 (7 Rs): Sc around [42] R28: (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36]

Continue to make the brim -

#### Brim

**R29: In FLO -** (Inc, 2sc) x 12 [48] **R30:** 2sc, (Inc, 5sc) x 7, inc, 3sc [56] **R31:** (Inc, 6sc) x 8 [64], ss in 1<sup>st</sup> sc.

FO and weave in the ends.

#### Hatband

With dark grey cotton yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Ch 43. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook - 42ss across.

Leave a tail and cut the yarn.

#### Buckle

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Fold the hatband in half to find the middle. Thread a needle with grey embroidery thread and wrap it around both edges of the hatband (approx. 0.5cm/0.25" wide)<sup>a</sup>.

Wrap the thread around the hatband on both sides 2-3 times <sup>b</sup> to form a rectangle <sup>c</sup>.



Put the strap around the hat and sew both edges to connect. FO and weave in the ends.









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

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