

The Dudes' Seashell 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: beige | turquoise | mint | light purple
- crochet hook: 2.5mm - 3mm (*depends on your tension*)
- Yarn needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Scissors

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):

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



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Cap

The cap is worked from the bottom-up.

With beige yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

R1: Ch 45, ss to 1st ch to form a circle.



Rounds 2, 4 and 6 are worked as Rows in the round (In this pattern a Row means - *the two vertical work-lines that form the ridge texture*). Each row will be attached to the circle with slip stitches.

*Pay attention to the stitch counts and to the number of repetitions in **bold!***



** Turn clockwise - When turning clockwise (or counterclockwise, if crocheting left-handedly), the yarn will get over the stitches - that is fine, just make sure not to pull the yarn too tight.*

R2: Ch 5^a.

Row 1: In 2nd ch from hook - **4sc** across^b, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise^c.

Row 2-6 (5 rows): (In 3rd st from hook^d - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 5**

Row 7: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 8-11 (4 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 4**

Row 12: In 3rd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **6sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 13-15 (3 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **6sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **6sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 3**

Row 16: In 3rd st from hook - **6sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **7sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 17-19 (3 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **7sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **7sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 3**

Row 20: In 3rd st from hook - **6sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **6sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 21: In 3rd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 22: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

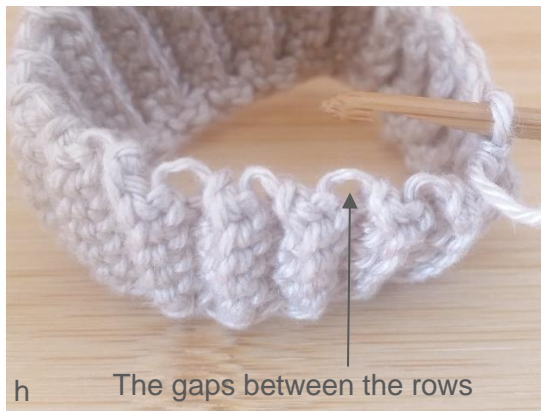
In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle.

After completing the round ^e, pull the hook out of the loop. Insert it in the 1st loop of the beginning chs from R2 and draw the working yarn back onto the hook ^f. Insert the hook through the two corresponding loops of the two edges and ss across to connect. [4 sts] ^g



R3: Ch 1.

In the gaps between the rows ^h - *(Sc, inc)* ⁱ rep around [33sc], ss in 1st sc.



R4: Ch 6.

Row 1: In 2nd ch from hook - **5sc** across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 2-5 (4 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 4**

Row 6: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 7-10 (4 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 4**

Row 11: In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 12-14 (3 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 3**

Row 15: In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 16: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle.

After completing the round, pull the hook out of the loop. Insert it in the 1st loop of the beginning chs from R4 and draw the working yarn back onto the hook. Insert the hook through the two corresponding loops of the two edges and ss across to connect. [5 sts]

R5: Ch 1.

In the gaps between the rows - (Inc, sc) x 7,
inc next 2 gaps [**25sc**], ss in 1st sc.



R6: Ch 4.

Row 1: In 2nd ch from hook - **3sc** across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 2-3 (2 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 2**

Row 4: In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 5-7 (3 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 3**

Row 8: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch2**, turn.

In 2nd ch from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 9-10 (2 rows): (In 3rd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **5sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise) **x 2**

Row 11: In 3rd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **4sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle, turn clockwise.

Row 12: In 3rd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, **ch1**, turn.

In 2nd st from hook - **3sc** BLO across, ss in next 2sts of the circle.

After completing the round, pull the hook out of the loop. Insert it in the 1st loop of the beginning chs from R6 and draw the working yarn back onto the hook. Insert the hook through the two corresponding loops of the two edges and ss across to connect. [3 sts]

R7: Ch 1.

In the gaps between the rows - Sc around [**12sc**]

Now you will work in a spiral -

R8: (Dec, 2sc) x 3 [**9sc**]

R9: (Dec, sc) x 3 [**6sc**]

Leave a tail and cut the yarn. Thread the yarn through a needle and draw through the front loops of the final stitches ^{a, b}. Pull the yarn to close ^c and hide it inside the work.



Flat disc (serves as the inner closing of the cap)
For alternative option, see note on page 13.

Make a **mr**

R1: 8sc in mr [8]

R2: (Inc) x 8 [16]

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



Leave approx. 25cm (10") tail and cut the yarn.

Lightly stuff about 1/3 of the cap with fiberfill ^a and roll up the opening. Thread a needle with the disc's tail and whip stitch through the unworked back loops to keep the stuffing inside ^b.



FO and weave in the ends.





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

Cap

With turquoise yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Make a wide **mr**

R1: 24sc in mr [24]

R2: 2sc, (Inc, 3sc) x 5, inc, sc [30]

R3: (Inc, 4sc) x 6 [36]

R4: 3sc, (Inc, 5sc) x 5, inc, 2sc [42]

R5-11 (7 Rs): Sc around [42]

R12: (Dec, 5sc) x 6 [36], ss in 1st sc.

FO and weave in the ends.



Embroidery

The opening

With mint yarn - Thread the needle and wrap twice through each stitch of the cap's top, all around.

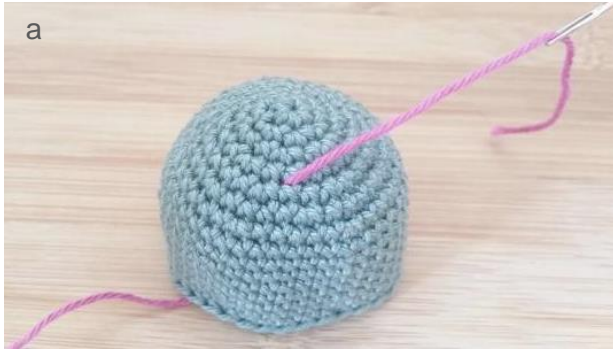


Dots

Embroider 5 dots in a row with a **French knot** (see instructions on the next page) -



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!

Continue to do so, back and forth, to a total of 8 rows of dots.

FO and weave in the ends.



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

Cap

The cap is worked in rows as a flat triangle in BLO.

With light purple yarn and a 2.5mm crochet hook -

Row 1: Ch3. In 2nd ch from hook - sc next 2sts, ch1, turn [2]

Rows 2-25 (24 rows): Inc by 1sc in the 1st st of every row, ch1, turn [3 - 26]



Row 26: (Inc, sc) x 13, ch1, turn [39]

Row 27: (12sc, inc) x 3, ch1, turn [42]

Rows 28-33 (6 rows): Sc across, ch1, turn [42]

Row 34: (12sc, dec) x 3 [39]



Leave a 50cm (20") tail and sew both sides of the triangle 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 cone and continue -



Stuff the narrow part of the cone lightly with fiberfill.

Start rolling the tip of the cone inwards

(towards the seam) and sew to secure.

Continue rolling and sewing as you go, to form the spiral shape.

***Note** - It is recommended to put the cap on the Dude's head to verify the amount of stuffing and rolling.*



Flat Disc (serves as the inner closing of the cap)
For alternative option, see note below.

Make a **mr**

R1: 8sc in mr [8]

R2: (Inc) x 8 [16]

Leave approx. 18cm (7") tail and cut the yarn.



Roll up the opening of the cap ^a. Thread a needle with the disc's tail and whip stitch through the unworked loops of the cap's inner side to keep the stuffing inside ^b.



Note - If this Dude is only for display, you can use the following method for securing the stuffing - Run the yarn through the unworked loops of the inner side of the cap in different directions. FO and weave in the ends.





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

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