

OPERATION GRATITUDE

Military Beret Pattern

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Beginner Level



Berets worn by the army are black, red, maroon, green, or tan.

Materials

Use a 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook.

Use worsted weight (#4) yarn. Try to use the same brand of yarn as you used for the doll's body. If you use a different brand you may have to adjust size (see row 12 instruction step)

Optional - Super Thick Tacky Glue

NOTE: Hat is crocheted in continuous rounds. Do not join. Use stitch markers or yarn to mark rows.

Abbreviations

sc = single crochet

inc = increase

dec – decrease

___ x = number of times to repeat what is in (brackets)

sts = stitches

Instructions

Create Magic Ring

Row 1. 6 sc in magic ring

Row 2. inc in each stitch around – 12 sts

Row 3. (sc, inc) 6x – 18 sts

Row 4. (2 sc, inc) 6x – 24 sts

Row 5. (2 sc, inc) 8x – 32 sts

Row 6. (3 sc, inc) 8x – 40 sts

Row 7. (7sc, inc) 5x – 45 sts

Row 8. sc around – 45 sts

Row 9. (7sc, dec) 5x – 40 sts

Row 10. (8 sc, dec.) 4x – 36 sts

Row 11. (7 sc, dec) 4x – 32 sts

Rows 12- 15. Sc around. Before finishing off check the hat fits the head well. If you need to adjust you can rip out the last 2 rows and either increase or decrease. Fasten off and leave a tail to sew beret on head.

Assembly

Put the hat on the soldier and shape into a beret with the dip over the doll's right eye. The peak of the hat should be over the left eye.

If you want, cut a small piece of felt into a U-shaped patch and glue on the beret peak over the left eye. Patches are specific to the army unit, so I don't think color will matter much.

The embellishments are also specific, so I just added a star in the middle to keep it simple. You can do whatever you want.

Sew hat to head. Use a few stitches to tack down the dip to ensure that the shape of the hat holds.