

## A Jaunty Cap

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These little caps are especially nice for spring wear, before the weather becomes so warm that the shade of a hat is needed. They may be crocheted of perle cotton, No. 3, of crochet-silk or twist, or of yarn, if preferred to the usual crochet-cotton. For the model, No. 20, ecru crochet-thread was used, two balls being required.

For the medallion at center of crown:

1. Wind the thread ten times around a large lead-pencil, slip off and fill closely with doubles, 24 in all, join.

2. Two tr, ch 3 for 1st, in 2 d c, ch 1, 2 tr in next 2 d c, repeat, joining last ch to top of 3 ch which stands for 1st tr.

3. Sl st across to 1 ch, ch 6, for a quadruple tr (over 4 times), 4 more quadruple tr under same 1 ch, keeping the top st of each on needle and working all off at once to form a cluster, \* ch 7, a cluster of 5 quadruple tr, worked off as directed, under next 1 ch, repeat around, joining last 7 ch to top of 1st cluster.

4. Nine d c under each loop of ch, join.

5. Shell of 2 tr (ch 3 for 1st), 2 ch and 2 tr in top of cluster, ch 5, repeat around, joining last ch to 3 ch of 1st shell.

This completes one medallion. Make six more in the same way, joining each by 2 consecutive shells of 5th row to 2 shells of 1st or center medallion, and to preceding by 2 shells next the center joining, and last medallion also to 1st in same manner, leaving 6 free shells on the outer edge of each; to join, make 2 trebles of shell, chain 1, drop stitch on needle, insert hook in shell to which you wish to join, pick up dropped stitch and draw through, chain 1, 2 trebles in same shell, chain 5; repeat.

The joined medallions complete the crown; work around them for the lower part of the cap, as follows:

1. A cluster (made like 1st cluster of 3d row) in 1st free shell of medallion, (ch 7, shell of 3 tr, 2 ch and 3 tr in next shell of same medallion) 4 times, ch 7, cluster in next shell, closing with 1 ch; then a cluster in 1st shell of next medallion, and continue around, joining last cluster to 1st.

2. Shell of 4 tr, 2 ch and 4 tr between clusters (ch 3 for 1st tr), (ch 7, shell in next shell) 4 times, ch 7; repeat, joining last ch to 3 ch of 1st shell.

3. Ch 5, \* tr in 3d tr of shell, ch 2, tr under 2 ch, ch 2, tr in next 3d tr, (ch 2, tr under 7 ch) twice, ch 2, tr in 1st tr of shell, ch 2, repeat from \* around, joining last 2 ch to 3d of 5 ch.

4, 5. All sp (ch 5 for 1st), tr in tr and 2 ch between; join to 3d of 5 ch.

6. Like 4th, decreasing by missing 2 sp every 8th sp.

7. Like 5th, decreasing every 6th sp.

Continue in this way, decreasing as required to give the proper head-size, until you have 10 rows of sp, then work 9 more rows plain, the last row of the little cap illustrated has 104 spaces, but the head-size must be adapted to the head of its small wearer. Finish with 3 doubles in each of 2 spaces, picot of 3 chain; repeat.

Make a tassel by winding the thread eighty times over a three-inch card, or as many times as required for the thickness of tassel wanted, slip off, tie about one fourth inch from one end for head of tassel, clip the other end evenly, attach a crocheted cord seven or eight inches long, and fasten this to center of crown.

The medallions are very pretty for many uses.

