retro stripes hat

Stitch this quick cap for your favorite guy.

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SKILL LEVEL: easy

finished measurements
Approx 24"/61cm circumference at lower edge

gauge
13 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10cm in dc using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook.
Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch
Ch 15.
Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each rem ch across — 13 dc.
Rows 2–8 Ch 3 (counts as first dc), turn, dc in each st across.
Resulting gauge swatch should measure approx 4" x 4"/10cm x 10cm. *Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.*

note
Change color in the join of a round. Insert hook in first stitch of the round, yarn over with the new color and draw through all loops on hook. Cut and weave in the old color, or carry loosely up the inside of the hat.

special stitch
FPdc: Yo, insert hook from front to back to front around post of indicated st; yo and draw up lp, [yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice.

HAT
With A, make an adjustable ring as follows: Wrap yarn around index finger, forming a ring, remove ring from finger and hold working yarn behind ring. Insert hook into ring, yo and draw a lp through the ring. Work Round 1 in ring, then pull tail to cinch ring closed.
Round 1 Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), work 9 more dc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 10 dc
Round 2 Ch 3, dc in same st as join (increase made), 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 20 dc.
Round 3 Ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next st] 9

times; join and change to C with sl st in top of beginning ch — 30 dc.

Round 4 With C, ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 2 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts] 9 times; join and change to B with sl st in top of beginning ch — 40 dc.

Round 5 With B, ch 1 (counts as first sc here and throughout), sc in same st as join, sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 9 times; join and change to A with sl st in beginning ch — 50 sc.

Round 6 With A, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), hdc in same st as join, hdc in next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts] 9 times; join and change to B with sl st in top of beginning ch — 60 hdc.

Round 7 With B, ch 3, dc in same st as join, dc in next 5 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts] 9 times; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 70 dc.

Round 8 Ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 9 Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join and change to C with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 10 With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around; join and change to A with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 11 With A, ch 3, dc in each st around; join and change to B with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 12 With B, ch 1, sc in each st around; join and change to C with sl st in beginning ch.

Round 13 With C, ch 1, sc in each st around; join and change to A with sl st in beginning ch.

Round 14 With A, ch 3, dc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 15 Ch 3, dc in each st around; join and change to B with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 16 (front post st round) With B, ch 3, FPdc around beginning ch of previous round, *dc in next st, FPdc around same st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 140 sts.

Round 17 Ch 3, skipping all FPdcs of Round 16, dc in each dc around; join with

sl st in top of beginning ch — 70 dc.

Round 18 (front post stitch round) Ch 3, FPdc around first FPdc 2 rows below, *dc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 140 sts.

Round 19 Ch 3, skipping all FPdc of Round 18, dc in each dc around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch — 70 dc.
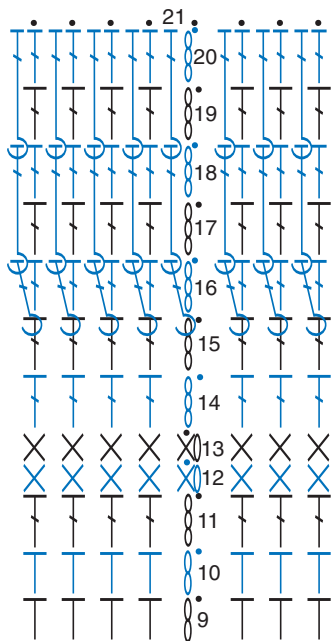
Round 20 Repeat Round 18.

Round 21 Ch 1, skipping all FPdc of previous round, sl st in each dc around; join with sl st in beginning ch. Fasten off.
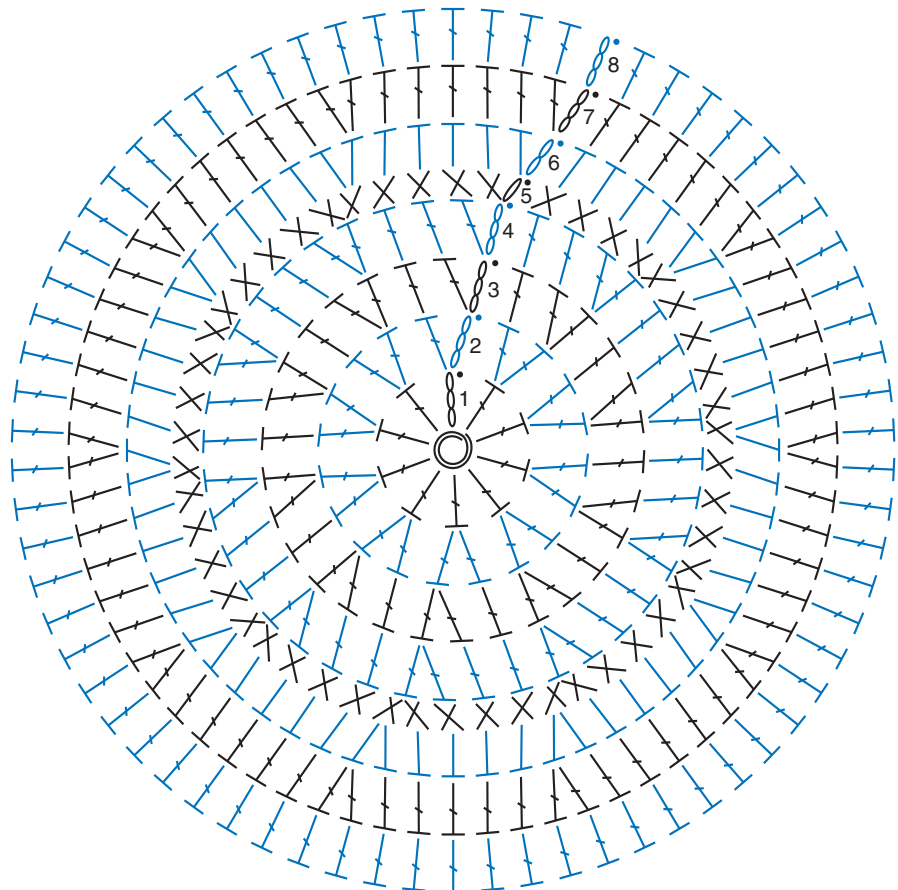
finishing

Weave in all ends. With C and pom-pom maker, make a 2"/5cm pom-pom. Sew pom-pom to top of hat. ∎

Rounds 9–21

Rounds 1–8