

Fibres Exotica

Perchi

By Laura Cracknell



Difficulty:

Entertaining

Materials:

200g (2 skeins) Fibres Exotica Aleena (100% Mulberry Silk ; 200m per 100g skein)

Crochet hook – size 2.5 mm/~UK 12/~US B-1 (or size needed to obtain gauge)

Tapestry needle

Scissors

Gauge:

Rounds 1-4 should measure 6.5cm in diameter. This will give you a medium-sized ladies' hat.

Sizes:

One Size.

This is a light, ribbed hat, close-fitting and stretchy. I wanted something that would keep off the chill of spring mornings without my head overheating on the way to work.

The ribbing is created using post stitches, and the brim reverses the pattern to give the hat its nice, fitted shape. The increases are worked both on post stitches and normal stitches, which creates a stretchy fabric that will help it stay on in spring breezes!!

Pattern notes:

To make an adjustable ring, wrap the yarn around your fingers once, and leaving it wrapped, put your hook under the ring. Make one chain to secure and slip the ring off your fingers. Make the remaining stitches of Round 1 through the middle of the ring, but don't join. Pull on the free end of your yarn to tighten the ring and close up the hole, then join your round to finish.

Join the end of each round using a slip stitch to the third chain of your initial ch3.

Special stitches:

Front Post Treble: Yarn over, insert your hook around the post of the stitch below from the front, bringing it out to the front on the other side of the post. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Complete your treble as usual.

Back Post Treble: Yarn over, insert your hook around the post of the stitch below from the back, bringing it out to the back on the other side of the post. Yarn over and pull up a loop. Complete your treble as usual.

Abbreviations (UK terms):

Ch = Chain

Tc = Treble crochet

St = Stitch

Fptr = Front post treble

Bptr = Back post treble

Directions:

Make an adjustable ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, 11 tc in ring. Pull ring tight and join.

Round 2: Ch 3, 1 fptr in next st. *1 tc & 1 fptr both in next st*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 3: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr, *2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 4: Ch 3, 1 fptr, 1 tr, 1 fptr, *1 tr & 1 fptr both in next st, 1 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 5: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr both in next st, 1 tr, 1 fptr, *2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr, 1 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 6: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr, 2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr, *2 tr, 1 fptr, 2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 7: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr both in next st, 1 fptr, 2 tr, 1 fptr, *1 tr, 1 tr & 1 fptr both in next st, 1 fptr, 2 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 8: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr, 1 tr, 1 fptr both in next st, 2 tr, 1 fptr, *2 tr, 1 fptr, 1 tr & 1 fptr both in next st, 2 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 9: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr, 2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr, 2 tr, 1 fptr, *2 tr, 1 fptr, 2 tr both in next st, 1 fptr, 2 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Round 10: Ch 3, 1 tr, 1 fptr, *2 tr, 1 fptr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Rounds 11-20: Repeat round 10

This completes the main body of the hat. If you'd like something longer, just add a few more rounds. You may find that as you're going down, the hat curls inwards like a bowl because of the ribbing. Don't worry, it'll turn the right way out once you add the brim.

Round 21: Ch 3, 1 bptr, 1 tr, *2 bptr, 1 tr*. Repeat from * to * around. Join.

Rounds 22-24: repeat round 21.

Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.

If wanted, gently block by stretching over a ball, balloon or mannequin head and spray lightly with water. Leave until dry.

About the Designer:

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