

## Air Force Garrison Cap Pattern

Designed and Provided by Donna Pascual Intermediate Level Pattern



## Materials

Use a 3.5 mm (E) hook Use worsted weight (4) yarn in medium blue for hat, and use a contrasting dark color (navy or black) for trim.

## Abbreviations

MR = Magic Ring ch = chain sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch into first stitch of round 3 sc inc = 3 single crochet in one stitch. hdc = half double crochet \_\_\_\_\_x = number of times to repeat what is in [brackets] sts = stitches R = round or row

## **Directions:**

**Note:** This hat is <u>not</u> worked in a spiral. It is worked in joined rows. After completing the last stitch of each row you have to slip stitch into the first stitch of that row to close the round. But do not turn your work.

Create a Magic Ring. Make sure you leave a long tail for sewing the top of the hat together.

R 1: sc 10 x in magic ring. SI st to first stitch, ch 1 = (10 sts)

NOTE: Close ring <u>loosely</u>. A loose ring allows the hat to be folded more easily. You can put a knot in the yarn close to the opening if you are worried about unraveling.

Round 2: [4 sc, 3 sc inc] 2x; join with sl st, ch 1 = (14 sts)

Round 3: [5 sc, 3 sc inc, 1sc] 2x; join with sl st, ch1 = (18 sts)

Round 4: [6 sc, 3 sc inc, 2sc] 2x; join with sl st, ch 1 = (22 sts)

Round 5: [7 sc, 3 sc inc, 3 sc] 2x; join with sl st, ch 1 = (26 sts)

Round 6: [8 sc, 3 sc inc, 4 sc] 2x; join with sl st, ch 1 = (30 sts)

Round 7-10: 9 sc, 1 hdc, 14 sc, 1 hdc, 5 sc; sl st, ch 1\* = (30 sts)

\*After the last row do not chain 1, Fasten off and leave a long tail yarn to sew the hat to the doll's head.

Flatten hat so the points are on opposite ends of the hat. The hat will look like a triangle. Push the 3 top rows down into the hat to create a fold on top. Thread yarn tail from magic ring and pull through the fold. Stitch along bottom of row 4. If you sew into the top of the row it will close the seam and you won't be able to see the fold.

Thread a tapestry needle with a long length of dark contrasting color yarn and knot. Starting with the front peak of the hat, insert the needle from inside of the hat between rows 5 and 6. Using a backstitch, sew a line around the hat. When you get back to the front, continue at a 45 degree angle down to the bottom of the hat. Pull yarn to the inside of the hat and fasten off. Weave in the end.

Shape hat so it sits high on the doll's head and sew the hat to the doll.

Other branches of the military also use this style of hats. The Navy uses it in khaki. Military pilots wear one in OD [military] green with their flight suits. Examples of these hats can be found easily on-line.