Pattern Instructions:

#1 Key Ingredient – When I created my band, I crocheted 72 rows which made 20". After joining my band on round 1, I made 72 sc around the band. If you need more or less rows to achieve your desired width, that's okay. Just remember in order for the stitch count to come out right, your first sc round must be divisible by 4. For example, if it took you 63 rows to achieve 20", you would need to make sure you had 64 sc around for your first round. Another example would be if it took you 68 rows to achieve 20", crochet 68 sc around for your first round.

Hint: If this is your first experience working with a hat from the bottom up, don't close the page! You can do this, I promise. It's much easier than you think and at the end, you might even like it better! Just remember, when you start working the hat, the body may look "too big". No worries. Once you close the top, it will fit nice and snug just as if you've worked it from the top down.

The instructions for this hat, as given, will fit an adult measuring approximately 22". The hat can easily be adjusted to meet other sizes. When I completed the band, the 72 rows measured approximately 20" and fit perfectly on my model measuring 22". There is a great guide on head measurements provided by Cre8tion Crochet. It will give you the average size of head measurements (including length) from child to adult. I use this reference a lot as Lorene does a great job of thoroughly explaining the specifics required to successfully making a hat that fits.

Supplies:

1. Red Heart Soft, or any worsted weight #4 yarn, 150-175 yards.
2. Hook Size – J/6.0
3. Tapestry needle for weaving in the ends.

Gauge: Band – 1 sc row (width) and 2 rows of sc (length) = 1"
8 dc and 5 rows = 2"

Abbreviations:

ch – chain
dc – double crochet
fpdc – front post double crochet
sc – single crochet
sl st – slip stitch

Note:

Ch 3 is considered first dc throughout the pattern.

Band:

Leave a long tail (4") before making your beginning ch. This joins the band of the hat.

Ch 5

Row 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook and in each remaining ch across, ch 1 turn (4 sc)

Row 2: sc in first ch and each ch across, ch 1 turn. (4 sc)

Row 3-72: Repeat Row 2 until it reaches approx. 20". Do not fasten off working yarn. The working yarn and tail should end opposite of each other.

Forming Band:

Using 4' tail and yarn needle, line up the two ends and whip stitch the seam and back loop stitches together to form the band. Insert the hook into the working yarn and begin the body of the hat.

Body:

Round 1: Ch 1 and sc in first st and each st around, join with sl st to first sc. (72 st) (You will be crocheting evenly around).

Round 2: ch 3, dc in next sc and each sc around, join with sl st in top of 3rd ch. (72 st)

Round 3: ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, fpdc around post of dc in the previous round, *dc in next 3 dc, fpdc around post of dc in the previous round*, repeat from *to*, join with sl st in top of 3rd ch. (72 st)

Round 4-22: Repeat Round 3 (The height of your hat should measure approximately 7.25"-7.50")

Round 23: ch 1 and sc in first dc, sc in next 2 dc, sc in next fpdc, *sc in next 3 dc, sc in next fpdc*, repeat from *to*, join with sl st to first sc. (72 st)

Do not fasten off. Measure out enough yarn to weave through every other sc. I'm an overachiever and probably cut around 20" of material. Take your tapestry needle and weave under the loops of every other sc around, pull the yarn tightly. This will close up the hat. Sew the top of the hat with a few stitches for security. Fasten off.

Optional Round: I wanted a smooth round on the bottom of my hat, so I did a round of sc. Insert hook into bottom row and form a sl st, ch 1 and sc in same st, sc in each st around, join with sl st to first sc. (72st)