

"I have a Christmas present for you, Callie. It's on the shelf in the closet."

Callie walked over and located a wrapped box high above an overflowing and disorganized ledge. "But I don't have one for you."

"Are you serious?" Amanda asked. "You are my gift!"

Whoa! Callie didn't know how to respond. She ripped off the wrapping paper and lifted the lid to the box. A crocheted beanie, scarf, and mitten set were nestled inside.

Callie's face lit up. "Sweet. Thanks, Mandy!"

"I made them myself," she announced proudly.

"Dude, you're so Martha Stewart!"

"I started a matching sweater, but I've been so tired lately. I just didn't have the energy to finish it in time for Christmas."

"Are you kidding? This is way cool, and besides, there's always my birthday."

*A Very Dairy Christmas*  
Sylvia Hysen



## Crocheted Christmas Creations

### National Standards for FACS Education:

16.4 Demonstrate skills needed to produce, alter, or repair textiles products and apparel.

**State Goal 1 (Illinois):** Read with understanding and fluency.

**Learning Standard:** Apply word analysis and vocabulary skills to comprehend selections.

**Objective:** To read, interpret and apply written directions to create a crocheted item—scarf, hat or mittens.

The directions that follow will guide you in the creation of a scarf and hat similar to the ones that Amanda made as her Christmas gift for Callie in *A Very Dairy Christmas*. Even if you are new to the art of crocheting, you will find these projects both easy and quick to complete. For instructions in the basics of crochet, check out the following website:

<http://www.lionbrand.com/learnToCrochet.html>

### Abbreviations used in this pattern:

ch	chain(s)	rep	repeat
CC	contrasting color	sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet	sl st	slip stitch
hdc	half double crochet	sp(s)	space(s)
MC	main color	st(s)	stitch(es)
*	Repeat directions following* as many times as indicated.		
[ ]	Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.		
( )	Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.		

## Crocheted Christmas Creations Callie's Christmas Hat



**Skill level** Easy

**Size:** Head circumference approximately 20 ½ inches.

**Supplies:** 1 ¼ ounces (approximately 84 yd.) Red Heart\* yarn  
Size H/8 crochet hook  
Size J/10 crochet hook  
1 shank button for flower center (if desired)

**Gauge:** 14 sts (7dc and 7ch-1 sps) and 6 rounds to 4 inches over dc using MC and crochet hook J/10. (Remember to check gauge for best results!)

### How to make a gauge swatch:

With larger hook and MC, ch 17.

**Row 1** Dc in 6<sup>th</sup> ch from hook (counts as 1 dc, ch 1 and skip 1 ch), \*ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch; repeat from \* across, end dc in last ch—8 dc and 6 ch-1 sps. Turn.

**Row 2** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in first dc, \*ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* across. Turn.

**Row 3** Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in first ch-1 sp, \*ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* across, end dc in last st. Turn. Rep rows 2 and 3 once more, then row 2 once. **Swatch should measure 4 inches x 4 inches.**

### Hat Directions

With larger hook and MC, ch 3. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring.

**Round 1** (right side) Ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch 1), work [dc, ch1] 5 times in ring, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch—6 dc and 6 ch-1 sps.

**Round 2** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as first dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch—12 dc and 12 ch-1 sps.

**Round 3** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1) dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1 \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch—18 dc and 18 ch-1 sps.

## Crocheted Christmas Creations Callie's Christmas Scarf

**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Size:** One size (Approximately 4 ½ inches wide by 60 inches in length)

**Supplies:** Crochet hook size N - 13 (10mm)  
7 ounce skein yarn in color of your choice (Red Heart® Super Saver® used for sample)

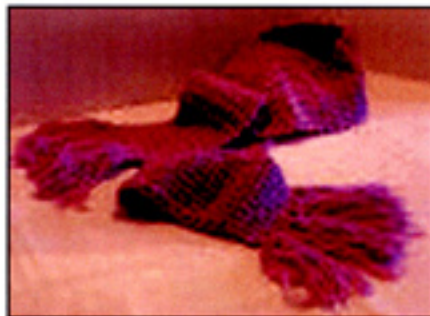
**Gauge:** 8 single crochets = 3 ½ inches

**Directions:** Make a slip knot and chain 13 loosely.

**Row 1** Single crochet in second chain from hook and in each chain across = 12 single crochets.

**Row 2** Chain one, turn. Single crochet in single crochet next to hook and in each single crochet across. Repeat row 2 until scarf is 60 inches in length. Fasten off and weave in yarn end.

**Fringe** Cut 12-inch lengths of yarn for fringe. You will need 5 strands of yarn for each section of fringe. Each end of the scarf will need 10 fringe sections. Insert 5 lengths of yarn that are doubled over in between 2 stitches on first row and pull the yarn through to make a knot. Do this in every stitch until the end.





- Round 4** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch-4--24 dc and 24 ch-1 sps.
- Round 5** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times, \*work [dc, ch1] twice in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch-4--30 dc and 30 ch-1 sps.
- Round 6** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), dc in same sp, ch 1, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times, \*work [dc, ch 1] twice in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times; repeat from \* around 4 times more, join round with a sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch-4--36 dc and 36 ch-1 sps.
- Rounds 7-12** Sl st in first ch-1 sp, ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and ch 1), \*dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; repeat from \*around join round with sl st in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of beginning ch-4. Change to smaller hook.
- Rounds 13 and 14** Repeat round 7. Fasten off. Weave in loose ends.

#### Flower Directions (Optional)

Leaving a long length of yarn for attaching button center, ch 4, sl st to form ring.

- Round 1** Ch 1, [sc in loop, ch 3] 6 times. Join with sl st to first sc (6 loops).
- Round 2** Ch 1, in each loop, work [sc, ch 1, 3 dc, ch 1, sc]. Do not join. (6 petals)
- Round 3** Ch 2, sl st in back stitches of second dc on first petal of round 1. Ch 5 [sl st in back stitches of second dc of next petal, ch 5] 5 times. Do not join. (6 ch-5 loops).
- Round 4** In each ch-5 loop, work [sl st, ch 2, 6 dc, ch 2, sl st]. Fasten off, weave in end.

Using long beginning tail, sew shank button to center of flower and attach flower to hat.