



## Men's Cap Earwarmer

Special Stitches Source with pictures: <http://newstitchaday.com>

Stitches Used:

- Sc = single crochet
- Hdc = half double crochet
- Star stitch
- Slip stitch
- Ch =Chain
- Reverse single crochet

Materials:

- Worsted Weight Yarn #4
- Blue Heather
- White
- Black
- Blue
- J Hook for chaining
- I Hook for body
- G Hook 4.5 mm or H 5.0 mm [I prefer G because I have problems keeping a tight reverse sc.]

Notes:

- Turn all rows. Except Trim rows.
- Join with slip stitch to 1<sup>st</sup> stitch where appropriate.
- Beginning ch2 counts as a hdc
- Beginning ch3 is part of the star stitch and not counted as a separate stitch.
- All hdc are on wrong side and all star stitches are on right side.
- Use both loops throughout.
- Make star stitches and hdc the same way for each stitch/row. Otherwise it looks different.
- When joining star stitch rows end stitch to first stitch of row. You might have a gap. If so, use a piece of yarn to weave the area so it looks like all the other star stitches side-by-side. Play it by ear.

Instructions:

**Using J Hook and Blue Heather**, chain 76, join with slip stitch. **Do not twist chains.**

Row 1: **Using I Hook**, ch1, sc in all chains [76 sc]

Row 2: Ch 3, 38 star stitches. [38 star stitches]

Row 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each eye of star stitch. [76 hdc]

Row 4: Ch3, 38 star stitches. [38 star stitches]

Row 5: **Change to Black**, ch 2, 2hdc in each eye of 12 star stitches, ch 28 with J hook, **skip 14 stars**,

[Be sure to return to I hook for rest of pattern.], 2hdc in each eye of 12 star stitches. [24 star stitches and 28 chains]

Row 6: ch3, 38 star stitches. [38 star stitches]

Row 7: **Change to White**, ch2, 2 hdc in each eye of star stitch. [76 hdc]

Row 8: Ch3, 38 star stitches. [38 star stitches]

Row 9: **Wrong Side Facing** -- **Change to Blue**, Join yarn 11 stars **plus 1 stitch** to right of center back with slip stitch, ch2, 2 hdc in 24 star stitch eyes, hdc in the star stitch but not in the eye of the star stitch. Leave the rest unused. [49 hdc and ch2] **[Note: This has the blue hdc's centered in the back of the cap earwarmer.]**

Row 10: Ch3, 24 stars stitch, **hdc in last stitch**. [24 star stitches and 1 hdc]

Row 11: Ch2, skip 1<sup>st</sup> star stitch eye, 2 hdc in each star stitch eye until last star stitch, skip last star stitch eye, hdc just after the eye. [22 star stitches and 1 hdc]

Row 12: Ch3, 22 star stitches, hdc in last stitch. [22 star stitches and 1 hdc]

Row 13: **Change to White**. Ch2, skip 1<sup>st</sup> star stitch eye, 2 hdc in each star stitch eye until last star stitch, skip last star stitch eye and hdc in last stitch. [45 hdc and ch2]

Row 14: Ch3, 20 star stitches, hdc in last stitch. [20 star stitches and 1 hdc]

Row 15: **Change to Black**. Ch2, skip 1<sup>st</sup> star stitch eye, 2 hdc in each star stitch eye until last star stitch, skip last star stitch eye and hdc in last stitch. [18 star stitches and 1 hdc]

Row 16: **Slip stitch to 1<sup>st</sup> hdc of 1<sup>st</sup> 2hdc group**, ch3, 16 star stitches, **slip stitch to last stitch**. Hide Ends.

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Front Side Facing: BODY TRIM:

**Change to Blue Heather. Using I hook**, attach yarn anywhere, ch1, sc around with 2 sc in corners.

Do NOT Turn. **Using G hook** [4.5mm] or H [5.0mm] {I prefer G hook}

Ch1, reverse sc around with 2 reverse sc in corners. OR ch1, sc around with 2 sc in corners.

Front Side Facing: BRIM TRIM: Using I hook

**Change to Blue Heather**. Attach yarn anywhere on brim opening, ch1, sc around . Fasten Off. Hide ends.

Front Side Facing: NECK TRIM:

**Change to Blue Heather. Using G hook** [4.5mm] or H [5.0mm] {I prefer G hook}