Jeannette's Retro Cloche with brim options

Materials:

- About 3-oz. light worsted weight yarn (#4)
- Blunt needle to weave in ends and sew on flower
- Crochet hook size I (5.5 mm) for average size hat

Instructions:

Chain 4; join with slipstitch to make a ring.

Round 1: chain 2 (does not count as DC), 12 double crochet in the ring. Join with SS in top of first DC (not the ch 2). (12 DC)

Round 2: chain 2, 2 DC in each DC in round 1; join with SS in top of first DC. (24 DC)

Round 3: chain 2, *1 DC in first stitch, 2 DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (36 DC)

Round 4: chain 2, *1 DC in each of first 2 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (48 DC)

Round 5: chain 2, *1 DC in each of first 3 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (60 DC)

Round 6: chain 2, * 1 DC in each of first 4 stitches, 2DC in next stitch*; repeat around & join with ss. (72 DC)

Round 7: chain 1, *SC in first stitch; skip 2 stitches and make 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches*. Repeat around, joining with SS in first SC.

Round 8: SS in back loop of next 2 stitches, chain 1, SC in next stitch (middle of shell). Work around, putting shell in the SC of the previous row, and SC in the middle of the shell from previous row. Join with SS

Repeat Round 8 until hat is the length you need (usually 7 to 8 inches from the top to the edge). If contrast is desired, switch to a different color at the beginning of any row by ending off the first color and joining the new color in the middle stitch of any shell. Work at least 2 rounds in the contrast color for a zigzag effect.

Last Round: [Note: if you want to put a brim on the hat, skip this row and see options at the end of the pattern.] chain 1, TURN, work SC around, putting 2 SC in the middle stitch of the shell and a SS in the SC of the previous row. End off. (If desired, the last row may also be worked in the contrast color)

Flower:

Chain 4, join with SS to make a ring.

Round 1: Chain 1, 8 SC in ring, join with SS.

Round 2: Chain 1, *SC, chain 2* around; join with SS

Round 3: Chain 1, *SC, 3 DC, SC in the chain 2 space* around; join with SS

Round 4: Working behind the previous rounds, *SS around SC in round 1, chain 4* around; join with SS

Round 5: *SC, 5 DC, SC in the chain 4 space* around; join with SS, end off leaving about 10" of yarn for sewing the flower on the hat.

Abbreviations: SS = slipstitch, SC = single crochet, DC = double crochet

Brim Option 1 (Jeannette's Scalloped Brim):

Before the last round of the pattern, if you want to make this brim,
do the following:

Round 1: work shells as before, but increase the number of dc in each shell from 5 to 7.

Round 2: work shells as before, but use 7 trc (triple crochets) instead of dc.

Round 3: work shells as before, but use 9 trc in each shell.

Round 4: sc around putting 2 sc in the middle of each shell and skipping the sc in between the shells. For an extra pretty touch, use reverse single crochet for this round.

Brim Option 2 (Sharon's Brim):

After the last row of shells, when the hat has reached the desired length, do the following:

Round 1: (based on a row that would normally start with a sc) ch 1, sc in next st, sc in next st, *hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, 3 sc in next sts*. sl st to first sc.

Round 2: ch 2,*dc in each st around*, sl st and ch 1

Round 3: *hdc (half double crochet) in next 8 dc, 2 hdc in next dc* around, sl st and ch 2

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Round 4: *dc in next 4 hdc, 2 dc in next hdc* around, sl st and ch 2

Round 5: *dc in next 5 dc, 2 dc in next dc* around, sl st and ch 1

Round 6: hdc in each dc around, sl st and ch 1

Round 7: sc (single crochet) in each hdc around, sl st and weave in yarn to finish!