

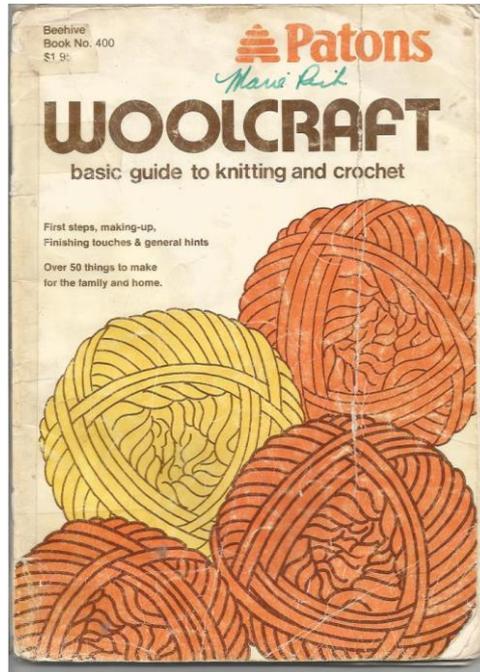
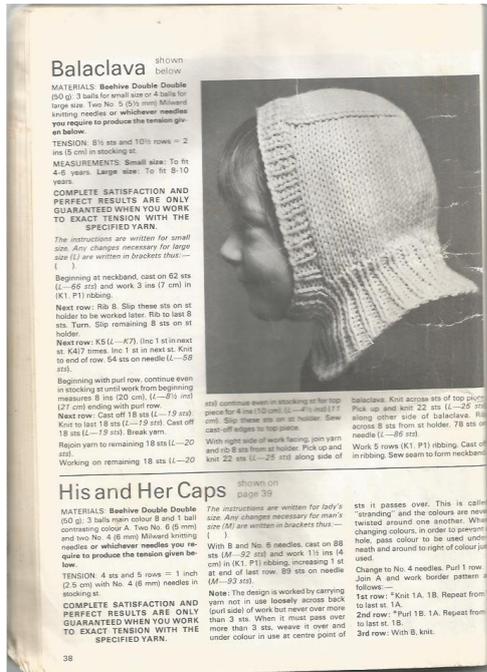
How to Crochet an Adult Balaclava



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Several years ago, I knit two balaclavas, one each for my sons. When I had them finished my husband liked them so much I adjusted the pattern to make him one to.

Recently, a young priest visited us. He loved the balaclava too. So I told him I would make him one too. But since I prefer crochet instead of knitting, I used my husband's hat for the measurements to create one in crochet.



I used:

yarn: Lanabel, Faisán Ofertonómico

4 mm hook

Stitches: (American English)

- Ch : chain
- Sl st : slip stitch
- Sc : single crochet
- Dc : double crochet
- Sts :stitch

1. Chain 80, sl st into 1st chain stitch. Make sure the chain is straight and smooth as you make the ring.
2. Chain 3 in first chain stitch. This counts as 1st dc. Dc in each chain stitch to end, sl st into top of chain 3.
3. Rows 3 to 11 repeat row 2.

4. Chain 3, counts as dc. Dc next 59 stitches. Chain 3(counts as 1st dc for next row) and turn.
5. For rows 12 to 18 work these 60 stitches, using a chain 3 at the beginning as the 1st dc. Cut off yarn width of balaclava.
6. To make flap for the top, skip 20 stitches. Join yarn and chain 3 in 21st stitch, dc next 19 stitches. Turn.
7. Chain 3 in 1st dc, dc across the 19 sts.
8. Repeat previous row 5 more times to create the flap. Cut off yarn 2x width of balaclava.
9. With wrong side facing out, join attach the flap starting from the front to back with the 20 stitches that were not used for flap for both sides.
10. Attach stitch into a corner of the face-neck area. Chain 3, counts as 1st dc, dc around opening ending with a sl st into top of chain 3.
11. Repeat previous row around face.
12. Chain 1, counts as 1st sc, sc around the face area to give support and ending with a sl st into 1st chain 1.

