

# Reversible Strands for Men *(and Women, too!)*

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Created with the hope more men  
Would feel comfortable wearing a  
handmade hat if, or when, they  
picked out a chemo hat from the  
Cancer Center at the hospital  
that my guild, The Happily  
Hooked on Crocheting Club,  
donates to each year.

This hat can be worn with either side showing. One side will “expose” cable strands; the other side has a “smooth” look to it as in the picture above. It’s also versatile enough that the spacing of cables can be played with to give a different look to the hat such as in the picture below.



## ***MATERIALS:***

2 skeins Caron Simply Soft, one main color, one alternate color

Crochet hook size US K10.5/6.5 mm

Tapestry needle

## ***GAUGE:***

4 rounds = 4 inches/10 cm

## ***SPECIAL STITCHES:***

***Front post double crochet (fpdc):*** yarn over, insert hook from front of work to the back, going around post of indicated stitch, and back through to the front, draw up a loop to working-row height, (yarn over, pull through 2 loops on hook) 2 times.

## ***PATTERN:***

With main color, make a ring by magic loop, or 3 chains joined together

**ROUND 1:** 12 sc in ring, join with slip stitch, ch 1

**ROUND 2:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, (fpdc around the post of same st, sc in next st) around, fpdc around last sc, join to first sc, ch 1. (12 sc, 12 fpdc)

**ROUND 3:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, (2 fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next sc) around, 2 fpdc around last fpdc, join to first sc, ch 1. (12 sc, 24 fpdc)

**ROUND 4:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, (fpdc around next fpdc, sc in top of same fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next sc) around, fpdc around last fpdc, join to first sc, ch 1. (24 sc, 24 fpdc)

**ROUND 5:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st [ (fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next sc) 3 times, 2 fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next sc] around, 2 fpdc around last fpdc, join to first sc, ch 1, (24 sc, 30 fpdc)

**ROUND 6:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, [ (fpdc around next fpdc, sc in next sc) 3 times, fpdc around next fpdc, sc in top of same fpdc, fpdc around next fpdc] around, join to first sc, ch 1. (30 sc, 30 fpdc)

## ***FOR SPIRALING CABLES:***

**ROUNDS 7-16:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, (fpdc in next fpdc, sc in next sc) around, fpdc in last fpdc, join to 1<sup>st</sup> sc, ch 1. At end of R16, change to Alternate Color for the ch 1; drop Main Color to back of work.

## ***FOR STRAIGHT CABLES:***

**ROUNDS 7-16:** Sc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, (fpdc in next fpdc, sc in top of same fpdc) around, fpdc in last fpdc, join to 1<sup>st</sup> sc, ch 1. At end of R16, change to Alternate Color for ch 1; drop Main Color to back of work.

## ***Continuing in chosen pattern:***

**ROUND 17:** With Alternate Color, repeat R7, join to first sc, change back to Main Color for the ch 1, dropping Alternate Color to back of work.

**ROUND 18:** With Main Color, repeat R7, join to first sc, change to Alternate Color for the ch 1, dropping Main Color to back of work.

**ROUNDS 19-20:** Repeat R17-18 one more time, fasten off Main Color at end of R20.

**ROUNDS 21-26:** With Alternate Color, repeat R7, join to first sc, ch 1.

**ROUND 27:** Sc around to end, join and fasten off.

Weave in loose ends. **Enjoy!**

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