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Sometimes you just need another hat. When I realized that I didn't have a warm, easy-to-wear hat that was pretty enough to wear with my nice coat, I took it as a challenge. The resulting design - Meredith - meets all of these requirements and more. It fits warm and close like a traditional beanie, with a dainty contrasting band and a decorative button to add some individual splash.

Add to that an unusual method of construction and a simple but beautifully textured stitch pattern, and you have a hat that's as fun to make as it is to wear. (It's my new favorite!)

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	Adult - 23" finished circumference
Hook(s):	US H/8 (5.00 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge.
Yarn:	Lion Brand Wool-Ease Worsted [20% Wool, 80% Acrylic, 197 yds/85 g skein]
Colors & Approx. Yardage:	Dark Rose Heather, 197 yds; Rose Heather, 15 yds
Notions:	Yarn Needle, 3/4" button
Gauge:	7 clusters and 12 rows = 4"/10 cm in tri st *Always take time to check your gauge*

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Notes ...

Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Half-Double Crochet (hdc)
Special Stitches	**Trinity Stitch (tri st)** Draw up loop in each of the next 3 sts, yo, pull through all four loops, ch 1. To continue, *pull up loop in same st as last loop of previous cluster, pull up loop in each of the next 2 sts, yo, pull through all four loops, ch 1.* Repeat from * to *, ending round with third loop of final st pulled up through same st as first leg of first cluster in round. **Trinity Decrease (tri dec)** *Pull up loop in same st as last loop of previous cluster (or first st if at beginning of round), pull up loop in each of the next 4 sts, yo, pull through all six loops, ch 1*. Repeat from * to *, ending round with last loop of final st pulled up through same st as first leg of first cluster in round.

Instructions ...

Brim

Base Chain	Ch 12.
Row 1	Hdc in third ch from hook and each across, turn. (10 sts)
Row 2	Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc); working in back loop only, hdc in next st and each across, turn. (10 sts)
Rows 3-45	Ch 2 (counts as 1 hdc); working in back loop only, hdc in next st and each across, turn. (10 sts)
	To join, sl st rows 45 and 1 together, working in back loops only. Turn work 90 degrees.

Crown

Round 1	Ch 1 and, working around the edge of Brim rows, make 2 sc in first row. Thereafter, place 3 sc across every two rows around. Make 1 extra sc at end of rnd for a total of 70 sc. Join to 1st sc.

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Rounds 2-3	Ch 1, sc in each sc around, join to 1st sc. (70 sts)
Rounds 4-17	Ch 1, tri st around, join with sl to last st of tr st. (35 clusters)
Round 18	Ch 1, tri st. Tri dec to end, join with sl to last st of tr st. (18 clusters)
Round 19	Ch 1, tri dec around, join with ls to last st of tr st.. (9 clusters)
Round 20	Ch 1, tri st. Tri dec to end, join. (5 clusters) Fasten off, leaving a tail of yarn several inches long. Weave tail through sts of round 20 and pull tight to finish. Weave in end.

Band

Ch 81. Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across. (80 sc) Add 3 Sc on last ch for a total of 4 sc in that st. Working in other side of starting ch, sc across. Fasten off, leaving about two feet of yarn to attach band to hat.

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Finishing ...

Sew band securely around hat over plain sc portion of crown, being certain that rounded end of band overlaps the flat end. (Be careful not to constrict crown of hat when attaching band.) Sew button to hat just to the side of the overlap, to imitate a closure.

Weave in ends. Wash and block as needed.

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