

# Besom

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Broomstick crochet creates a lacy fabric in a jiffy. Work this cozy cap seamlessly in the round, starting from the top.

**Size:** Fits an adult.

**Materials:** Two colors worsted-weight yarn, 50 yards each. Show in Cascade *Lana d'Oro* (color A) and Classic Elite *Lush* (color B.) US size H (5 mm) crochet hook *or size needed to obtain gauge*. Circular knitting needle, US size 19 (15 mm) 24 or 29 inches long.

**Gauge:** In broomstick crochet using groups of 3 loops, 24 loops in 5 inches, 6 groups high in 4 inches.

**Notes:** An illustrated tutorial is available at my website <http://mooseknits.blogspot.com>

## Instructions:

**Round 1:** Leaving a 5 inch tail, make a slip knot with color A and put it on the needle. Leaving another 5 inch tail, tie a square knot with color B and the tail of color A. Holding the yarns so the loops on the needle are in color A, use the long-tail cast-on method and cast on a further 17 loops onto the needle. 18 loops.

With color B, slip stitch in the first three loops held together, then work 6 sc in the same sp. Continue across, working 6 sc in each group of 3 loops. 36 sc.

**Round 2:** Turn work, take hook out of live loop, insert hook into first sc made, then back in live loop. With color A, draw up a loop and put it on to the needle, pulling color A snug. Insert hook in second sc made, draw up a loop and put it on to the needle, pulling yarn snug. Continue to draw up a loop for every sc, 36 loops. This will be a tight round, but move

the work on to the cable part of the circular needle when necessary, and draw up loops long enough to get on to the tip of the needle.

Turn work. Slide stitches to the other end of the needle. With color B, slip stitch in first 3 loops held together, then work 6 sc in same sp. Work 6 sc in each group of 3 loops. 72 sc.

**Round 3:** Turn work as before, close round with slip stitch using color A as before, draw up one loop per sc as before using color A, putting loops on needle.

Turn work as before, slide stitches as before, sl st in first group of 3 loops as before, then work 4 sc in this and every group of 3 loops. 96 sc.

**Rounds 4-10:** Turn work as before, close round with slip stitch using color A as before, draw up one loop per sc as before using color A. 96 loops

Turn work as before, slide stitches as before slip stitch in first group of 3 loops as before, then work 3 sc in this and every group of 3 loops. 96 sc.

**Finishing:** Join the last round with a slip stitch using color B in the first sc. Cut yarn and pull through. From the right side, close the hole in the center using the tail of color B threaded on to a tapestry needle, catching each of the cast on bumps in color B with the needle. Pull tight. Weave in ends.