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Pattern notes:
The crown is worked in a six-stitch repeat and therefore can be made in any size. Simply measure the circumference of the head and then make enough foundationless half treble crochets based on a multiple of six. Count how many repeats you have and times the number of repeats by three to determine how many beads you will need. Be aware that the cotton does stretch slightly, so rather make the foundation row slightly shorter than longer, i.e. if you need three more stitches to reach the length of the circumference rather remove the three extra stitches, instead of adding another three.

This pattern is worked with two strands of yarn held simultaneously but since the pattern does not use more than one ball of yarn (unless you are planning on making a gigantic crown).

It is recommended to divide the ball of yarn in two. It is not advisable to centre-pull the yarn, as knots could occur.

Special stitches:
Fake stitch: a fake stitch creates a neater end than fastening off with a slip stitch.
Leave the hook in the lp made by the last st. Cut the yarn with enough length to sew in the end. Now pull the lp which is on the hook up by moving the hook away from the work. This will pull the yarn end out of the stitch. Don’t worry the work will not unravel!
Thread the yarn end onto the tapestry needle. Insert the needle through the first stitch of the round, from the front of the stitch to the back. Finally, insert the needle between the two loops of the last stitch made. You should now have something that looks like a proper crochet stitch.

Foundationless half treble (fhtr):
3ch, yoh, insert hook under 2 lps of the “ch” from hook, pull up lp, yoh, draw through 1 lp (the “ch”), yoh, draw through 3 lps (the “htr”). “Yoh, insert hook under 2 lps of the “ch” st of last st and pull up lp, yoh, and draw through 1 lp, yoh and draw through 3 lps; rep from * for length of foundation.

Special techniques:
To add the beads to the yarn do the following:
1. Use the 4.5mm crochet hook to pull the loop up slightly, making it bigger.
2. Remove both strands of yarn from the hook.
3. Place one bead onto the small crochet hook and hook one of the loops of yarn onto the small hook.
4. Use your thumb and finger to move the bead onto the yarn.

NOTE: the bead is only moved onto one of the strands of yarn!
5. Place both loops back onto the 4.5mm hook and carefully pull and wiggle the yarn to tighten the loop made up of the two strands of yarn.

6. Make sure that the loop with the bead is the same size as the other stitches, or your tension will be a bit off.

Alternative method:
Use a piece of dental floss instead of the small hook. Follow above up to step 2 and then continue as follows:
3. Thread the floss through one of the loops of yarn.
4. Thread a bead onto the gathered ends of the floss. Continue with above instructions from Step 4.

To make:
Using fhtrs work a multiple of 6 sts, depending on the circumference of the head for which the crown is intended. Close the foundation row with a slstx making sure the row is not twisted.

Round 1:
Ch1, dc into the same st as slst from prev round, sk 2 fhtr, *[2 dtr, ch1, 1 trtr, ch1, 2 dtr] in next fhtr, sk 2 fhtr, dc in next fhtr, sk 2 fhtr; rep from * around, to last 5 sts, [2 dtr, 1ch, 1 trtr, 1ch, 2 dtr], slst to first dc.

Do not turn.

Round 2:
*Slst in dtr, dc in next dtr, insert bead, dc in ch1sp, *[dc, htr, insert bead, tr, htr,dc] in trtr, dc in ch1sp, insert bead, dc in dtr, slst in next dtr, slst in dc; rep from * around, close with fake stitch.

Cut yarn with enough length and weave in ends.

There is no need to block the crown, however a gentle pulling on the beads on the points will straighten them out.