SWEET PEA COCONUT

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THIS DARLING PEA-POD COCONUT MAKES A GREAT GIFT FOR A NEW MOM, OR TO GIVE TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS RELIEF SHARE. MAKE A PLAIN COCONUT FOR A BOY, OR ADD CUTE FLOWER AND VINE ACCENTS FOR A GIRL’S COCONUT.

SKILL LEVEL 3

FINISHED SIZE
Fits newborn with shoulder circumference of 20 inches

MATERIALS
• Berroco Comfort DK light (DK) weight nylon/acrylic yarn (1¾ oz/178 yds/50g per ball):
  4 balls #2740 seedling
  1 ball #2754 rabe
  ½ ball each #2721 sprig, #2723 rosebud, #2726 cornflower, #2702 pearl and #2745 filbert
• Size G/6/4mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
• Sewing needle
• Sewing thread to match
• Size 4 sew-on snaps: 4
• Stitch markers

GAUGE
18 sts = 4 inches; 20 rows = 4 inches
Take time to check gauge.

PATTERN NOTES
Place marker between 2 center stitches of each row. Move marker as work progresses. Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

SPECIAL STITCH
Surface slip stitch (surface sl st): Holding indicated color below fabric and holding hook above fabric, insert the hook between next 2 sts of row above or below, yo, pull lp through sp and through lp on hook.

PEA POD

Body

Row 1 (RS): With seedling, ch 1, 6 sc in back bar of ch (see illustration), do not join, turn. Place marker (see Pattern Notes) between 3rd and 4th sts. (6 sc)

Row 2 (WS): Ch 1, sc in each st across to st before marker, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in each rem st across, turn. (8 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across to 2 sts before marker, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in each rem st across, turn. (12 sc)

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] across, turn. (18 sc)


Rows 7–9: Rep rows 2–4. (24 sc at end of last row)

Row 10: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] across, turn. (30 sc)

Rows 11–14: Rep rows 6–9. (36 sc at end of last row)

Row 15: Ch 1, sc in each of first 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] across, turn. (42 sc)

Rows 16–19: Rep rows 6–9. (48 sc at end of last row)

Row 20: Ch 1, sc in each of first 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st] across, turn. (54 sc)

Rows 21–24: Rep rows 6–9. (60 sc at end of last row)

Row 25: Ch 1, sc in each of first 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in each of next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st] across, turn. (66 sc)

Rows 26–28: Rep rows 6–8. (66 sc at end of last row)

Row 29: Ch 1, sc dec (see Stitch Guide) in first 2 sts, sc in next st, [sc dec in next 2 sts, sc in next st] twice, sc in each rem st across to last 3 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (66 sc)

Rows 30–32: Rep row 29. (48 sc at end of last row)

Row 33: Rep row 4.

Rows 34–39: Rep rows 20–25. Remove marker at end of last row. (66 sc at end of last row)


Row 43: Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each rem ch and in each st across to last 6 sts, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 3 times, turn. (72 sc)

Rows 44–46: Rep row 43. (90 sc at end of last row)

Row 106: Ch 1, sc in each of first 13 sts, sc dec in next st, [sc in each of next 13 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (84 sc)
Row 107: Rep row 4. Place marker between 42nd and 43rd sts.
Row 108: Ch 1, sc in each st across to 4 sts before marker, [sc dec in next 2 sts] 4 times, sc in each rem st across. (80 sc)
Row 109: Ch 1, sc in each st across to 2 sts before marker, [sc dec in next 2 sts] twice, sc in each rem st across, turn. (78 sc)
Row 111: Ch 1, sc in each of first 11 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in each of next 11 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (72 sc)
Row 112: Rep row 4.
Rows 113–115: Rep rows 108–110. (66 sc at end of last row)
Row 116: Ch 1, sc in each of first 9 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in each of next 9 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (60 sc)
Rows 117–120: Rep rows 112–115. (54 sc at end of last row)
Row 121: Ch 1, sc in each of first 7 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in each of next 7 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (48 sc)
Rows 122–125: Rep rows 112–115. (42 sc at end of last row)
Row 126: Ch 1, sc in each of first 5 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in each of next 5 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (36 sc)
Rows 127–130: Rep rows 112–115. (30 sc at end of last row)
Row 131: Ch 1, sc in each of first 3 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in each of next 3 sts, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (24 sc)
Rows 132–135: Rep rows 112–115. (18 sc at end of last row)
Row 136: Ch 1, sc in first st, sc dec in next 2 sts, [sc in next st, sc dec in next 2 sts] across, turn. (12 sc)
Row 137: Rep row 4.
Rows 138 & 139: Rep rows 108 and 109. At end of last row, leaving long strand, fasten off. (6 sc)

Finishing
Weave long strand through top of sts on last rnd, pull tight to close. Secure end.

Edging
With RS facing, join (see Pattern Notes) sprig at opening, ch 1, evenly sp sc around opening, join in beg st. Fasten off.

Body Assembly
With WS facing, hold beg and end of rows 1–28 tog, working in Edging sts only, sew ends of rows tog. Rep with rows 83–139.
Sew ½ of snap to each end of rows 46, 56, 66 and 76.

PEA POD CAP
Rows 1–14: With rabe, rep rows 1–14 of Pea Pod Body.

First Point
Row 15: Ch 1, sc in each of first 9 sts, leaving rem sts unworked, turn. (9 sc)
Row 16: Ch 1, sc dec in first 2 sts, sc in each rem st across, turn. (8 sc)
Row 17: Rep row 16. (7 sc)
Row 18: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.
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To donate, send finished cocoons and caps to:

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**Example of 2-sc dec:**
(Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.

**Example of 2-hdc dec:**
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**Example of 2-dc dec:**
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