Fox Hooded Cowl

This pattern is meant to fit a pre-schooler; in order to modify the size, increase/decrease the hood length by increments of 4 chains, and increase/decrease the depth of the hood by two rows. For the chain that links the hood to the cowl, increase/decrease by 4 chains. Heads up here! There is a link to show you what I mean when joining the rounds in the cowl.

Materials

2 skeins Lion Brand HomeTown USA, Tennesse Tango
1 skein Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick, True Black
1 skein Lion Brand Wool-Ease Thick & Quick, Fisherman
1 skein Lion Brand Fun Fur, White
Crochet hook size N or 9mm
2 large buttons (mine were 1 3/8")
Regular darning needle
Large eye darning needle

Abbreviations:

Ch – chain
Sc – single crochet
Hdc – half-double crochet
Dec 1 – decrease 1 st
Inc 1 – increase 1 st
Sl st – slip stitch

Hood

Using Tennessee Tango, ch 36

Row 1: hdc in 3 ch from hook, hdc across, ch 2, turn = 34 hdc
Rows 2 – 10: hdc across, ch 2, turn = 34 hdc
Row 11: hdc the first 15 sts, inc 1 for next four sts, then hdc to end = 38 hdc
Fold long sides together, sl st the edges together. Turn the hat so the seam is inside.

Cowl

Join yarn at the lower left corner, (looking straight at the hood), ch 7, join with opposite corner, making sure not to twist the chain! and sc around = 33 sc, 7 ch

Round 2: Sl st into join, ch 2, hdc across the chains, hdc around, sl st into first hdc, ch 2 = 40 hdc

Round 3: hdc around, DO NOT CH 2

Round 4: change to True Black, sl st into first hdc, ch 2, *hdc 9 sts, inc 1 st*, around, sl st into first hdc, ch 2 = 44 hdc

Round 5: hdc around, DO NOT CH 2

Round 6: change back to Tennesse Tango, sl st into first hdc, ch 2, hdc around = 44 hdc

Rounds 7 – 9 : hdc around, sl st into first hdc, ch 2. End off on Round 9.

White Trim:

Join Fisherman anywhere on the hood/cowl opening, sc around, sl st to join, end off.

Ears - make 2

With Tennessee Tango, ch 6

Row 1: sc in second ch from hook, sc to end, ch 1, turn = 5 sc

Row 2: sc in first st, dec 1, sc to end, ch 1, turn = 4 sc

Row 3: sc, dec 1 st, sc, ch 1, turn = 3 sc

Row 4: dec 1, sc, ch 1, turn = 2 sc

Row 5: dec 1, end off

Join with black yarn; sc the long sides, ensuring to put 3 sc on one stitch at the tip, end off.

> *Helpful Hint: When working the chain for the ears, make sure you leave a long tail for sewing onto the hood later on.*

Fold the hood/cowl in half, establish the center, and place your ears according to that. I placed mine two rows back from the edge, and four posts down from my "center".

For fuzzy ear hair, use the Fun Fur and ch 4; sc in second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in last ch, end off, leaving a long length for sewing. Due to the very fuzzy nature of the Fun Fur, I **HIGHLY recommend sewing the ears in place FIRST and then sewing the fuzzy hair in afterwards**; this way, you don't get the yarn tangled into the cowl itself.

Sew the buttons underneath the opening in the configuration you want, tuck in all loose ends and you're ready to go.

Enjoy!