



## **Wigs for Helen Kish Riley and Tulah**

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*Tulah is modeling all the wigs. They could be adapted for Lati White and Yellow, and Puki Puki and Puki Fee by adjusting the size of the wig cap.*

### **Materials:**

-Lace weight kid mohair yarn (very fine; 25 grams/ 200+ meters) I used Rowan Kidsilk Haze and Trendsetters Super Kid Seta,

-Size 7 steel crochet hook

**Gauge: 8sc = 1 inch**

**A couple of tips before you begin:**

1. The stitches with this fuzzy mohair yarn can be hard to see, so use a strong light over your shoulder, and place a piece of white paper on your lap. This will help you see the stitches.
2. The 'fuzziest' side of your work will be the side facing away from you as you crochet. For this wig cap, this fuzzy side is the right side of your work.

**Wig cap:** do NOT join rounds. If unsure what wig you want to make, work in the front loop only starting with round 7.

1: Ch2, eight sc in the second ch from the hook. 8sc

2: 2sc in each sc around. 16sc

3: (Sc in next sc, two sc in next) around. 24 sc

4: (Sc in next two sc, two sc in the next) around. 32 sc

5: Sc in each sc around. 32 sc

6: (Sc in the next seven sc, two sc in the next) around. 36 sc

7: Sc in each sc around. 36 sc

8-14: Sc in each sc around. 36 sc. Check to see how the wig cap is fitting, and if necessary work a couple more rounds before the final round. **Note: If you plan to make a French braid wig, work three or four of the final rounds in the front loop only.**

15: Working in the Front Loops Only, sc in each sc around. Finish off. Wig cap complete!

**Note: If working curls all around, do NOT finish off at the end of round 14.**

What to do with the wig cap???? Make any kind of wig you like!

**First off, bangs:**

1. Straight bangs: Cut 20 strands of yarn 3 inches long. Hook these into 10 sc around the front of the face, and 10 unworked loops just behind these. Trim to desire length.
2. Curly bangs: Ch10, sl st in the next st, across the front of the wig cap, for 10 to 15 stitches (depends on how wide across the forehead you want the bangs. Finish off, join yarn in first unused loop of the next row and work another row of ch10, sl st curls.

**Ponytails:**

Work chain long enough to run from the center front of the wig cap to the center back, about 25 chain. Cut 60 strands of yarn 7 inches long and hook a single strand into each chain up one side and down the other to form a center part. Stitch this center part to the wig cap from the center of the bangs to the center back (be careful not to pucker the wig cap with your stitches). Divide the remaining strands into two equal groups and hook them around the outside edge of the wig cap where you have not hooked any strands for bangs.

Pull the hair into two ponytails at the sides of the ears and tie off. Ponytail wig done!

### **Pigtails:**

Work chain long enough to run from the center front of the wig cap to the center back, about 25 chain. Cut 64 strands of yarn 14 inches long and hook a single strand into each chain up one side and down the other to form a center part. Stitch this center part to the wig cap from the center of the bangs to the center back (be careful not to pucker the wig cap with your stitches). Divide the remaining strands into two equal groups and hook them around the outside edge of the wig cap where you have not hooked any strands for bangs.

Pull the hair into two ponytails at the sides of the ears, then split each group into three and braid. Tie off at the end and trim the ends.

### **Single pony tail or French braid:**

Cut 66 strands of yarn 14 inches long and hook a single strand into each sc around the edge of the wig cap, except for where you've hooked bangs (hook into the unused loops in the row just behind the bangs). With the remaining 30 strands, hook them in the unused loops of the next row, leaving the back few loops unhooked.

For the single ponytail, pull the hair to the top back of the head and tie off. Trim the ends. This ponytail may be a little topheavy to stay put; I admit I did not try this wig.

If you are ambitious, French braid the hair, using two or three strands at a time and working slowly. You may have to unbraid and start over to get a nice even braid, but persistence will be rewarded with a lovely wig :-)

### **Curls all around:**

Do not finish off the yarn at the end of the wig cap. \* (Ch10, sl st in the next st)14 times, ch15, sl st in the next st, (ch20, sl st in the next st) 20 times, ch15, sl st in the last st\*. Working in the free loops of the next round, repeat \*\*. Finish off.