CROCHET CAT HAT: PRINTABLE PATTERN

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A small beanie hat made for an adult cat, with ear holes and a pom pom on top.

Adapted in original wording from the free Hat for Cats pattern by Shooting Star Crafts. See sources.txt for the source and for specs that source does not state.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner friendly. Uses single crochet, double crochet, and front post and back post double crochet. Worked in joined rounds.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight / aran weight yarn, such as Big Twist Value Solids, in your chosen main color. Only a small amount is needed, and the source describes the hat as taking very little yarn.
- Small amount of matching or contrasting yarn for the pom pom.
- 5 mm crochet hook. Note: the designer's own pattern page states a 5 mm hook. A secondary summary of the same pattern lists a 5.5 mm (I) hook. This pattern uses the designer's own stated 5 mm hook.
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional, helpful for marking the start of a round)

GAUGE

Not stated by the source pattern. The source gives no gauge swatch and no stitches per inch figure for this hat, so no gauge figure is claimed here. Before you finish the crown, hold the work against your cat's head to check the fit, and change hook size if the fabric feels very tight or very loose. For comparison only, and not as a substitute for this pattern's gauge: a separate published adult cat elf hat lists 4 single crochet stitches by 4 rows per 1 inch, and a separate published cat witch hat lists 5 single crochet stitches by 5 rounds per 1 inch. Those figures belong to those other designs, not to this one.

FINISHED SIZE

Not stated by the source pattern. The source gives no finished measurements for this hat, so no finished size is claimed here. The hat is sized for an adult cat, with the crown increased to 30 stitches before the ear hole round, and the ear holes placed to fit an adult cat's ears. Check the fit on your own cat as you work. For comparison only: a separate published adult cat elf hat is listed at 4 inches in diameter and 5.5 inches in height with its pom pom, and a separate published cat witch hat is listed at 4.5 inches high and 5 inches in diameter including the brim. Those measurements belong to those other designs, not to this one.

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

fpdc: front post double crochet

bpdc: back post double crochet

sk: skip

sl st: slip stitch

st / sts: stitch / stitches

NOTES

- Work in joined rounds. At the end of each round, join with a slip stitch to the first stitch and chain as directed before the next round.
- The chain at the start of a single crochet round counts as a chain 1 turning chain, not as a stitch, unless noted.
- The ear hole round uses chains to bridge over skipped stitches. Those chain spaces become the ear holes in the next round.
- Keep the hat light and soft. Weave in all ends securely, and sew the pom pom on very firmly so it cannot come loose.

HAT

Start with a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 1. (6 sts)

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each stitch around. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 1. (12 sts)

Round 3: Repeat around: work 2 sc in the first stitch, then 1 sc in the next stitch. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 1. (18 sts)

Round 4: Repeat around: work 2 sc in the first stitch, then 1 sc in each of the next 2 stitches. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 1. (24 sts)

Round 5: Repeat around: work 2 sc in the first stitch, then 1 sc in each of the next 3 stitches. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 1. (30 sts)

Round 6 (ear holes): Work sc in the first 3 stitches. Chain 12 and skip the next 9 stitches. Work sc in the next 6 stitches. Chain 12 and skip the next 9 stitches. Work sc in the last 3 stitches. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Chain 3.

Round 7: Work dc in the first 3 stitches. Work 12 dc into the first chain 12 space. Work dc in the next 6 stitches. Work 12 dc into the second chain 12 space. Work dc in the last 3 stitches. Join

with a sl st to the first stitch. Chain 3. (36 sts)

Rounds 8 to 9: Repeat around: work 1 fpdc in the first stitch, then 1 bpdc in the next stitch. Join with a sl st to the first stitch. Chain 3.

Round 10: Repeat around: work 1 fpdc in the first stitch, then 1 bpdc in the next stitch. Join with a sl st to the first stitch. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Make a small pom pom from matching or contrasting yarn. Sew it very firmly to the top center of the hat, with several passes of yarn through the pom pom core and the crown, then weave in all ends on the inside of the hat. Trim the pom pom neatly.

FIT CHECK

Place the hat on your cat's head so the ears pass through the two holes and the ribbed edge sits just above the eyes. The hat should sit on the crown without sliding forward over the eyes and without squeezing the ears. If the ear holes sit too far apart or too close together for your cat, adjust the placement on your next hat by shifting the 6 stitch center section, rather than stretching the finished hat. If the hat feels tight, try a larger hook next time. If it feels loose, try a smaller hook.

SAFETY NOTES

Use the hat for short, supervised photo moments only. Never leave the hat on an unsupervised cat, and remove it if your cat paws at it, freezes, or shows any sign of distress. Check before each wear that the pom pom is still sewn on firmly and that no loose yarn ends are showing.

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