CROCHET HAT: BEAUTIFUL RIBBED BEANIE IN 48 SIMPLE ROWS

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FINISHED SIZE

One size, fits most adults: 22 in (56 cm) around unstretched, stretches to 28 in (71 cm) around, and 9.5 in (24 cm) from top to bottom. The bottom couple of inches flip up for the brim.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner. You need chains, slip stitches, and half double crochet worked in the back loop only, plus basic seaming and gathering. There are no increases and no decreases anywhere in the hat.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a single flat rectangle with no shaping, so most crocheters finish it in a few relaxed evenings.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (#4) yarn, about 90 g per beanie. The source pattern recommends a soft, stretchy value acrylic such as Hobby Lobby "I Love This Yarn". The source gives grams only, not yardage, so no yardage is stated here.
- 5 mm (H) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge. Use a 5.5 mm or 6 mm hook for a larger beanie.
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Pom-pom, optional, faux fur or handmade yarn pom-pom

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

blo: back loop only. ch: chain. hdc: half double crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. The turning chain does not count as a stitch. The hat is worked side to side as a flat rectangle, then seamed into a tube and gathered at the top. The rows run from the brim to the crown, so the starting chain sets the height of the hat and the number of rows sets how far it reaches around the head. The 5 slip stitches at one end of every row form a tighter band that becomes the folded brim. Work Row 2 in the back bumps of the

foundation chain for a neat lower edge.

GAUGE

17 sts and 8 rows of half double crochet in the back loop only measure 4 in (10 cm) using a 5 mm crochet hook. Check your gauge before you start: 40 stitches at this gauge measure about 9.4 in (24 cm), which matches the finished height of 9.5 in (24 cm). If you are a tight crocheter, go up a hook size to 5.5 mm or 6 mm.

THE RECTANGLE

Row 1: Chain 40 plus 1. Turn. Do not chain too tightly. (41 chains)

Row 2: Work each stitch in this row in the back bumps of the chain. Starting in the second chain from the hook, sl st 5, hdc 35. Ch 1 and turn. (40 sts: 5 sl st and 35 hdc)

Row 3: Hdc blo 35, sl st blo 5. Ch 1 and turn. (40 sts: 35 hdc and 5 sl st)

Row 4: Sl st blo 5, hdc blo 35. Ch 1 and turn. (40 sts: 5 sl st and 35 hdc)

Row 5: Hdc blo 35, sl st blo 5. Ch 1 and turn. (40 sts: 35 hdc and 5 sl st)

Rows 6-49: Repeat Rows 4 and 5 for 22 more times, so Rows 6 to 49 hold 44 rows in total. You should have 48 rows in total, not including Row 1, the starting chain, and you should end after the 5 sl st blo. (40 sts in every row)

Tie off, leaving a long tail of about 10 in (25 cm) for seaming.

SEAMING THE SIDES

Start with your tail at the top of the beanie, at the end of the 5 sl st blo. Fold the beanie over so the wrong sides are facing out and the beginning and end sides are on top of each other. Take your tapestry needle with the tail, and go through the front loop only of the top edge, and then go through both loops on the other edge. Pull through. Repeat this process and continue to seam by going through the front loop on the top panel, and both loops on the bottom panel. Tie off ends and weave in. Remember that the brim will be flipped up, so hide your ends where the folded brim will cover them.

CINCHING THE TOP

With the beanie still inside out, take a 10 in (25 cm) length of yarn the same color as the top of your beanie and use your tapestry needle to weave the tail in and out along the top stitches of your beanie. Go around the whole top and pull very tightly to close. Tie it tight and weave in the ends.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends, flip your beanie right side out, and fold the bottom couple of inches up for the brim. Add a pom-pom to the top if you want, sewing it firmly to the gathered crown. Faux fur pom-poms and handmade yarn pom-poms both work.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the hat gently: hand wash cold and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp.

TIPS FOR A NEAT HAT

- Count every row. Every row has 40 stitches: 5 slip stitches and 35 half double crochet stitches. If your count is off, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Keep the slip stitch band at the same end. The 5 slip stitches sit at one end of every row, and that end becomes the brim. If the band wanders, the brim edge will not be straight.
- Do not chain too tightly at the start. A tight foundation chain pulls the lower edge in and makes the hat hard to fold.
- Check your gauge before Row 2. The rectangle should measure about 9.5 in (24 cm) tall once a few rows are worked. A hat that starts too narrow stays too narrow for all 48 rows.
- Keep your tension even. The back loop ribs show every tight or loose stitch, so work at a steady, relaxed pace.
- Pull the crown gather very tightly. A loose gather leaves a hole at the top. If a small hole stays open, weave the tail around it once more and pull again.

VARIATIONS

- Make it taller: add 10 chains to the starting chain. Your stitch count will be 50 instead of 40: work sl st 5 and hdc 45 in every row.
- Make it wider: add rows in groups of 2, keeping the Row 4 and Row 5 alternation, until the rectangle wraps around the head with about 2 to 3 in (5 to 8 cm) of stretch to spare.
- Make it larger with a bigger hook: a 5.5 mm or 6 mm hook adds about 2 in (5 cm) to the circumference and 0.5 in (1.3 cm) to the height.
- Add a pom-pom: sew a faux fur pom-pom to the gathered crown, or make your own yarn pom-pom with a pom-pom maker.
- Change the color: work the hat in a solid color to show the ribs, or use a variegated yarn for a softer, blended look.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Wooly Mama Crochet: Plain Ribbed Beanie and Seamless,
https://woolymamacrochet.com/plain-ribbed-beanie-and-seamless-a-free-crochet-pattern/

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