CROCHET SUN HAT: WIDE BRIM COTTON SUN HAT, SIZE L (TEEN/ADULT)

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Fosbas Designs pattern listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms. Size L only.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. The source calls this design easy. It uses half double crochet, double crochet, and single crochet, with a simple double crochet cluster stitch.

MATERIALS

- Sirdar Snuggly DK, lightweight (3), 100% cotton, 116 yards / 106 m per 50 g ball: about 220 yards in Sky Blue (2 balls), or 220 yards of similar lightweight (3) cotton yarn
- Crochet hook: 4 mm, US G
- Yarn needle
- 2 mm wire or fishing line (optional, to stiffen the brim). Measure the brim and cut to fit, adding about 3 inches.
- Pliers or crimp
- Duct tape
- Spray starch, fabric stiffener, or hair spray (optional, to stiffen the brim)

GAUGE

With a 4 mm hook: Rounds 1 to 6 measure 3.5 inches / 9 cm across. Adjust your hook size if needed to meet the gauge.

FINISHED SIZE

Size L (Teen/Adult) only. To fit a head circumference of 21 inches / 53.5 cm. Brim 3 inches / 7.5 cm wide.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sl st: slip stitch

sc: single crochet

hdc: half double crochet

dc: double crochet

dc2tog: double crochet 2 stitches together

st: stitch

SPECIAL STITCH

Double crochet cluster: [dc2tog, ch 1, dc2tog] worked in the indicated stitch or chain 1 space.

PATTERN NOTES

- The hat is worked in the round from the crown down: crown, then body, then brim. Do not fasten off between sections.
- The beginning chain does not count as a stitch.
- Each double crochet cluster is worked stacked on the clusters of the previous round, except for the first round of the brim, where clusters are also worked in the chain 1 space between each cluster.
- Try the hat on after Round 5 of the body to check the fit. If it feels too small, go up a size. If it feels too big, go down a size.
- If you cannot meet the required crown diameter, the source says to add increase rounds.
- Any lightweight (3) yarn can be substituted.

CROWN

With a 4 mm hook

Round 1: In a magic ring, chain 2 (does not count as a stitch), work 12 half double crochet in the ring, join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (12 stitches)

Round 2: Chain 2, work 2 half double crochet in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (24 stitches)

Round 3: Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (24 stitches)

Round 4: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next stitch, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (36 stitches)

Round 5: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next 2 stitches, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (48 stitches)

Round 6: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next 3 stitches, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (60 stitches)

The diameter should now measure about 3.5 inches, matching the gauge.

Round 7: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next 4 stitches, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (72 stitches)

Round 8: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next 5 stitches, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (84 stitches)

Round 9: Chain 2, then repeat around: work 1 half double crochet in the next 6 stitches, work 2 half double crochet in the next stitch. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (96 stitches)

The diameter should now measure about 6 inches.

Round 10: Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to the chain 2. (96 stitches)

Do not fasten off. Continue to the body.

BODY

Round 1: Chain 3, work 1 double crochet cluster in the first stitch, then repeat around: skip the next 3 stitches, chain 1, work 1 double crochet cluster in the next stitch. Chain 1, join with a slip stitch to the chain 3. (24 clusters)

Round 2: Chain 3, then repeat around: work 1 double crochet cluster in the chain 1 space, chain 1, skip the next chain 1 space. Chain 1, join with a slip stitch to the chain 3. (24 clusters)

Rounds 3 to 10: Repeat Round 2. (24 clusters in each round)

Try the hat on after Round 5 to check the fit.

Do not fasten off. Continue to the brim.

BRIM

Round 1: Chain 3, then repeat around: work 1 double crochet cluster in the chain 1 space from the previous round, chain 1, work 1 double crochet cluster in the next chain 1 space, chain 1. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 3. (48 clusters)

Round 2: Chain 3, then repeat around: work 1 double crochet cluster in the chain 1 space between clusters, chain 1, skip the next chain 1 space. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 3. (48 clusters)

Rounds 3 to 6: Repeat Round 2. (48 clusters in each round)

Round 7: Chain 1, then repeat around: work 1 single crochet in the double crochet 2 together, work 1 single crochet in the next chain 1. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 1. (192 stitches)

If you are leaving the hat as it is, or stiffening it with starch, fasten off here.

If you are using wire or fishing line, do not fasten off. Continue to Round 8.

Measure the brim and cut the wire or fishing line to fit, adding about 3 inches.

Round 8: Chain 1, working over the wire or fishing line, work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, until the last 10 stitches. Wrap duct tape around both ends of the wire or fishing line, then work 1 single crochet in the last 10 stitches. Join with a slip stitch to the chain 1. (192 stitches)

Round 9: Chain 1, work 1 single crochet in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to the chain 1. (192 stitches)

Fasten off.

TO KEEP THE HAT FIRM

Stiffen the hat with fabric stiffener, hair spray, or starch. Prepare the starch as directed, apply it to the hat, shape the hat, and allow it to dry. Or add wire or fishing line to the last brim rounds as described above.

FINISHING

- Fasten off and use a tapestry needle to weave in all yarn ends.
- Check the stitch counts as you work: the crown grows from 12 stitches to 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, then 96 stitches, and Round 10 holds 96 stitches. The body holds 24 double crochet clusters in each of its 10 rounds. The brim doubles to 48 clusters, holds 48 clusters through Round 6, and finishes with 192 single crochet stitches around the edge.

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