Cat Hat Crochet Pattern

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The cat ear hat is the easiest "shaped" hat there is: you crochet a plain tube with a ribbed brim, flatten the top and seam it straight across. On your head, the two top corners stand up as cat ears. No separate ears, no crown increases.

It comes in adult and child sizes, in worsted yarn with a 5 mm hook.



The cat ear hat in charcoal worsted yarn.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (hdc in joined rounds, post-stitch ribbing, a straight seam)
- **Adult:** 18.5 in / 47 cm around before stretching (head 21–23 in), 8.8 in / 22 cm tall; about 124 yd / 113 m
- **Child:** 16.0 in / 41 cm around (head 18–20 in), 7.2 in / 18 cm tall; about 88 yd / 80 m
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) acrylic or wool blend
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 13 hdc x 10 rounds = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** about 2.5 hours (adult)

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **sc** single crochet · **hdc** half double crochet · **fpdc / bpdc** front / back post double crochet

Before you start

- Each round starts with ch 1 (it does not count) and ends with a sl st to the first stitch. Keep the joins in a line: that line is the back of the hat.
- Try the tube on after the brim. It should be snug; the hdc body is not very stretchy, the ribbing is.
- Taller tube = bigger ears. Add 1 or 2 rounds before seaming if you want pointier ears.

The pattern

Adult

Color: start with A (charcoal).

Ch 60 and join. Rounds 2 to 7 are the ribbed brim.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (60)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–7:** (fpdc, bpdc) ×30. (60)
- ☐ **Rnds 8–22:** Hdc around. (60)

Finish: Ch 60 and join without twisting; after R22 flatten the tube with the join at the back and sc through both layers across the top (30 sts); FO.

Child

Color: start with A (charcoal).

Ch 52 and join. Rounds 2 to 6 are the ribbed brim.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (52)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–6:** (fpdc, bpdc) ×26. (52)
- ☐ **Rnds 7–18:** Hdc around. (52)

Finish: Ch 52 and join without twisting; after R18 flatten and sc across the top through both layers (26 sts); FO.



Laid flat: the top seam runs straight across, the corners become the ears.

Making the ears

1. Flatten the tube with the join line in the middle of the back.
2. Single crochet through both layers all along the top edge, then fasten off.
3. Put the hat on: the two top corners stand up as ears. For rounder ears, sew a small diagonal line of running stitch across each corner, about 1 in / 2.5 cm from the tip, and pull gently.

Tips

- **Inner ears:** sew a small pink felt triangle or a few rows of pink sc inside each corner.
- **Stripes:** change color every 3 rounds on the body for a tabby look.
- **Fold-up brim:** work 12 rib rounds instead of 6 and fold the brim up.

FAQ

Why do the ears flop?

Soft yarn makes soft ears. Use a firmer acrylic, or tighten the corners with the diagonal stitch above.

Can I add a face?

Yes, embroider two eyes and a small nose on the front of the body with yarn, about 3 rounds above the brim.

More hats: the slouchy toque, the ribbed beanie and the simple double crochet hat.