Ribbed Crochet Beanie

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This ribbed beanie is made in the easiest possible way: a flat rectangle of half double crochet worked in the back loops, sewn into a tube and gathered at the top. Worked sideways, the back-loop ridges stand up as vertical ribs, so it looks like a knitted rib hat. There is no increasing and no working in the round, which makes it a great first hat.

It comes in four sizes, from baby to adult large. All the numbers are in the size table below.



The ribbed beanie, worked sideways and gathered at the crown.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (chain, hdc, back loops, seaming)
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4) weight acrylic or wool blend
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 14 hdc x 11 rows = 4 in / 10 cm in back loops; check it, because hats need to fit
- **Time:** 1.5 to 3 hours depending on the size

Sizes

The rectangle is about 2 in / 5 cm smaller around than the head, so the ribbing stretches to fit snugly. The stitch count sets the height of the hat; the number of rows sets how far around it goes.

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **hdc** half double crochet · **blo** back loop only · **FO** fasten off



The flat rectangle before seaming.

The pattern

Find your size in the table, then work that piece. The turning ch 1 never counts as a stitch.

Adult S/M

Color: start with A (sage).

Adult S/M shown. For other sizes use the chain, stitch and row numbers from the table; every row is worked the same way.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Hdc around. (30)
- ☐ **Rnds 2–52:** Ch 1 turn, BLO hdc around. (30)

Finish: Chain 32 and work R1 into the 3rd ch from the hook; seam the last row to the first, weave a tail through the ends of the rows at the top edge, pull tight and close.

Seaming and finishing

1. Fold the rectangle so the first row meets the last row, right sides together. Slip stitch or whip stitch them together along the whole edge.
2. Turn the tube right side out. Thread a long tail through the ends of the rows along one edge (this is the top), going in and out about every 0.5 in / 1 cm.
3. Pull tight to gather the crown, sew a few stitches across the small hole to close it, and weave in the end.
4. Fold up the bottom edge about 1.5 in / 4 cm for a brim, or leave it down for a slouchier fit.

Tips

- **Deeper brim:** add 4 to the chain (and 4 stitches to each row) for an extra 1.2 in / 3 cm of height.
- **Pompom:** a 2.5 in / 6 cm pompom sewn over the gathered crown hides it completely.
- **Matching set:** our beginner crochet scarf uses the same stitch.

FAQ

My beanie is too loose.

Take out a few rows before seaming: every 3 rows is about 1 in / 2.5 cm around. Check that your gauge matches; a looser gauge makes a bigger hat.

Can I make it in rounds?

This version is designed sideways for the vertical ribs. Working in rounds gives horizontal stripes instead.

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