Easy Crochet Hat

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This is an easy crochet hat worked from the top down in rounds: a flat circle of half double crochet for the crown, straight rounds for the body, and a few rounds of front- and back-post double crochet for a ribbed brim that looks knitted. Working top-down means you can try it on as you go and stop when it's long enough.

It comes in a child size (16 in / 41 cm around) and an adult size (18 in / 46 cm around).



Smooth body, ribbed brim.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** advanced beginner (hdc in rounds, increases, front and back post double crochet)
- **Sizes:** child (head 18–20 in), about 7.2 in / 18 cm tall; adult (head 21–23 in), about 8.8 in / 22 cm tall
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4); child about 77 yd / 71 m, adult about 109 yd / 100 m
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 14 hdc x 11 rounds = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** about 2 to 3 hours

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **hdc** half double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch · **ch** chain
- **fpdc** front post double crochet: yarn over, insert the hook from front to back to front around the post of the stitch below, finish as a dc
- **bpdc** back post double crochet: the same, but insert the hook from back to front to back

Before you start

- Every round is joined with a sl st to the first stitch, then ch 1 (it does not count as a stitch).
- Check the crown: after the last increase round, the circle should measure about 5.8 in / 14.7 cm across for the adult size. If it's smaller, go up a hook size.
- For the brim, always work fpdc around the fpdc of the round below and bpdc around the bpdc, so the ribs line up.



The crown is a flat circle that grows by 8 stitches each round.

The pattern

Adult

Color: start with A (rust).

Adult. Eight increase rounds, ten straight rounds, four ribbed rounds.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 8 hdc in MR. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (2 hdc in next st) ×8. (16)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (2 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (32)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** 1 hdc, 2 hdc in next st, (3 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×7, 2 hdc. (40)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** (4 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next st, (5 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×7, 3 hdc. (56)
- [ ] **Rnd 8:** (6 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (64)
- [ ] **Rnds 9–18:** Hdc around. (64)
- [ ] **Rnds 19–22:** (fpdc, bpdc) ×32. (64)

Finish: Join each round with a sl st to the first st and ch 1 (does not count); FO and weave in.

Child

Color: start with A (rust).

Child. Seven increase rounds, eight straight rounds, three ribbed rounds.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 8 hdc in MR. (8)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (2 hdc in next st) ×8. (16)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (2 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (32)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** 1 hdc, 2 hdc in next st, (3 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×7, 2 hdc. (40)
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** (4 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×8. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** 2 hdc, 2 hdc in next st, (5 hdc, 2 hdc in next st) ×7, 3 hdc. (56)
- [ ] **Rnds 8–15:** Hdc around. (56)
- [ ] **Rnds 16–18:** (fpdc, bpdc) ×28. (56)

Finish: Join each round with a sl st to the first st and ch 1 (does not count); FO and weave in.

Finishing

Fasten off after the last brim round and weave in the ends. Weave the magic ring tail through the first round once more so the top stays closed.

Tips

- **Slouchy version:** add 4 more straight rounds before the brim.
- **Pompom:** a 3 in / 7.5 cm faux fur pompom sits well on top.
- **Two colors:** work the brim in a contrast color.

FAQ

My crown is wavy.

You have too many stitches for your gauge, usually because the hook is too big or the hdc are loose. Go down half a hook size or work tighter.

What's the difference from your other hats?

The ribbed beanie is worked flat and sideways, ribbed all over. The simple hat uses double crochet and no brim. This one sits in between.