Simple Crochet Hat

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The simplest crochet hat there is: double crochet in rounds from the top down, a flat circle that grows by 12 stitches a round, then straight rounds until it's long enough. Double crochet is tall, so the hat grows fast and you can finish one in an evening. A single crochet round at the bottom keeps the edge neat.

It comes in a toddler size (14.8 in / 38 cm around) and an adult size (18.5 in / 47 cm around), and the full pattern is in a printable PDF.



The simple hat in navy, finished in an evening.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** beginner (dc in joined rounds, increases)
- **Sizes:** toddler (head 17–19 in), about 6.5 in / 17 cm tall; adult (head 20–22 in), about 8.2 in / 21 cm tall
- **Yarn:** worsted (aran / 4); toddler about 55 yd / 50 m, adult about 85 yd / 77 m
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8)
- **Gauge:** 13 dc x 7 rounds = 4 in / 10 cm
- **Time:** about 1.5 to 2 hours

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **MR** magic ring · **dc** double crochet · **sc** single crochet · **sl st** slip stitch · **ch** chain

Before you start

- Start every dc round with ch 2 (it does not count as a stitch) and join with a sl st to the first dc.
- The increases move a little each round so the crown stays round, not hexagonal.
- After the crown, measure across the circle: about 5.9 in / 15 cm for the adult size, 4.7 in / 12 cm for the toddler size.



The crown: 12 more stitches every round.

The pattern

Adult

Color: start with A (navy).

Adult. Five increase rounds, nine straight rounds, one sc round.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 12 dc in MR. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (2 dc in next st) ×12. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (dc, 2 dc in next st) ×12. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) ×12. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** 1 dc, 2 dc in next st, (3 dc, 2 dc in next st) ×11, 2 dc. (60)
- [ ] **Rnds 6–14:** Dc around. (60)
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** Sc around. (60)

Finish: Ch 2 at the start of each dc round (does not count) and join with a sl st; FO and weave in.

Toddler

Color: start with A (navy).

Toddler. Four increase rounds, seven straight rounds, one sc round.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** 12 dc in MR. (12)
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** (2 dc in next st) ×12. (24)
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** (dc, 2 dc in next st) ×12. (36)
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** (2 dc, 2 dc in next st) ×12. (48)
- [ ] **Rnds 5–11:** Dc around. (48)
- [ ] **Rnd 12:** Sc around. (48)

Finish: Ch 2 at the start of each dc round (does not count) and join with a sl st; FO and weave in.

Finishing

Fasten off after the sc round and weave in the ends. Fold the bottom up once for a cuff, or leave it down for a slouchier fit.

Tips

- **Stripes:** change color every two rounds after the crown.
- **Longer hat:** each extra dc round adds about 0.6 in / 1.5 cm.
- **Charity knitting and crochet groups** often ask for exactly this kind of quick, simple hat.

FAQ

Why does my hat have a seam line?

Joined rounds always leave a faint line where they meet. Hide it at the back, or turn your work every round to make it less visible.

Can I add a brim?

Yes. Our easy hat with a ribbed brim shows how to work front and back post double crochet at the bottom.

Matching winter makes: the twisted headband and the fingerless gloves.