

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Top-Down Crochet Beanie

A classic adult beanie worked from the crown down in joined rounds of half double crochet, with a neat single crochet brim. Sizes for a child, adult medium and adult large.



<div>SKILL LEVEL</div> <div>Easy</div>	<div>FINISHED SIZE</div> <div>Child: about 16.75 in (42.5 cm) around · Adult M: 19.25 in (49 cm) · Adult L: 21.5 in (55 cm), unstretched. About 7 (8, 8.5) in / 18 (20, 21.5) cm tall.</div>	<div>YARN WEIGHT</div> <div>Medium / Worsted</div>
<div>HOOK</div> <div>5 mm (US H-8)</div>	<div>TIME</div> <div>About 3–4 hours</div>	<div>TERMS</div> <div>US terms</div>

Gauge: 15 hdc and 11 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) worked in joined rounds. Check your gauge — it determines the finished size.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn — About 105 (130, 155) yd / 96 (119, 142) m (Estimated)
- ☐ 5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook (Or the size that gives you the gauge)
- ☐ Stitch marker, tapestry needle and tape measure

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

hdc — half double crochet

sl st — slip stitch

st(s) — stitch(es)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the **()** — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a number of times stated

ch — chain

sc — single crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch

rnd(s) — round(s)

() — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

Notes before you start

- Sizes are written as Child (Adult M, Adult L). Follow the numbers for your size throughout.
- Rounds are joined. The ch 2 at the start of each round does not count as a stitch — work the first hdc into the same stitch as the join.
- Here, inc means 2 hdc in the same stitch.
- Place a marker in the first stitch of each round so the join is easy to find.
- Written in US crochet terms. In UK terms, hdc is half treble (htr) and sc is double crochet (dc).

The pattern

Crown

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring. Ch 2, work 9 hdc into the ring and pull it closed. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. **(9)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Ch 2, [hdc 1, inc] 9 times. Join. **(27)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Ch 2, [hdc 2, inc] 9 times. Join. **(36)**
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** Ch 2, [hdc 3, inc] 9 times. Join. **(45)**
- ☐ **Rnd 6:** Ch 2, [hdc 4, inc] 9 times. Join. **(54)**
- ☐ **Rnd 7:** Ch 2, [hdc 5, inc] 9 times. Join. Child size: stop increasing and go to the Body section. **(63)**
- ☐ **Rnd 8 (Adult M and L only):** Ch 2, [hdc 6, inc] 9 times. Join. Adult M: stop increasing here. **(72)**
- ☐ **Rnd 9 (Adult L only):** Ch 2, [hdc 7, inc] 9 times. Join. **(81)**

Tip: Lay the crown flat and measure across the middle. It should be about 5.25 (6, 7) in / 13.5 (15.5, 17.5) cm. If it is much bigger or smaller, check your gauge before continuing.

Body

- ☐ **Even rounds:** Ch 2, hdc in each st around. Join. Repeat this round until the hat measures 6 (7, 7.5) in / 15 (18, 19) cm from the center of the crown. The brim adds about 1 in (2.5 cm) more. **(63 (72, 81))**

Brim

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st around, starting in the same st as the join. Join with a sl st to the first sc. **(63 (72, 81))**
- ☐ **Rnds 2–4:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. **(63 (72, 81))**
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Finishing

- ☐ **Wash and dry:** Weave in the ends securely. If your yarn allows, wash the hat gently and dry it flat to even out the stitches.

Tips

- If the crown ruffles, your tension may be loose — try a smaller hook. If it cups into a bowl too early, try a larger one.
- Measure the height from the very center of the crown, with the hat lying flat.
- Keep the joins lined up at the back of the hat so the seam line stays out of sight.

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