

Crocheted Head Hugger Hat(s) in Many Sizes

Materials:

2.5 to 4 oz. Worsted Weight (#4) yarn
Crochet Hook size: I for small size head

Size(s):

Hat is designed to be a head hugger for use by people undergoing chemotherapy so may look smaller than you are used to seeing. Use larger or smaller hook and/or yarn to adjust size.

Hat may be made longer by working a couple of rows as dc rather than hdc. It is best to do this closer to the lower end of the hat and not too often as the scalp may be visible through the holes created by making dc's.

You may also add a couple of additional rows of hdc before working the shell border at the bottom.

Using a yarn with some nylon in it increases the amount of stretch in the hat. The green hat to the right was made with a nylon and acrylic worsted weight yarn and a size I hook. It would fit an older child or a small women's head. It was made without the decreases in Round 15.



Abbreviations:

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
hdc = half double crochet
sc = single crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)

Pattern:

Starting with the center top of hat, chain 5. Join the chain with a slip st so that you have a ring. Chain 2 and count this as first st on first round.

Round 1: Work 9 hdc in the ring (or you can use a single or double crochet st depending on the yarn and what effect you want to achieve). Join last st to first with a slip st and chain 2 which makes the first st of round 2. **(Chain 2 will be 1st st on each round).**

Round 2: Work one st in same st as joining st, then 2 st in each st around. Join to top of chain 2. **(End all rounds by joining to the top of chain 2)**

Round 3: Chain 2, one st in first st, two sts in the next st (increase by one st every other st. Do this all the way around). Join as in round 1.

Round 4: Chain 2, crochet around making 2 sts in every 3rd st (increase made), one st in the st in between.

Round 5: Chain 2, increase (2 sts) in every 4th st around.

Round 6, 7, 8: Chain 2, increase (2 sts) in every 5th st around.

Round 9: Decrease every 3rd st by skipping each 3rd st. Crochet in all others around.

Round 10, 11: Hdc in every st around.

Round 12: Increase in every 5th st around.



Round 13, 14: Hdc in every st around.

Round 15: Repeat round 9* - Before working this round, see note below (my preference is to NOT decrease on this round)

Round 16: Hdc in every st around.

Round 17: Decrease every 5th st by skipping each 5th st around.

After joining with slip st, do not make a chain 2 stitch.

Round 18

Shell Border: Make 5 hdc in next st Skip a st, slip st in next st.

*Skip a st, make 5 hdc in next st, skip a st, slip st in next st.

(Repeat from * around.) Join; cut yarn; tie off; weave tail into hat so it doesn't show.

*Round 15 may be worked as hdc around (without the decreases) if you feel that repeating round 9 may make the hat too tight a fit at this round

