

CHUNKY BUCKET HAT

Size: Teen/Adult

Materials:

100 yds. super-bulky acrylic/wool blend yarn (samples shown in Plymouth Encore Mega)

Size N crochet hook

Pattern notes: Crown of hat is worked in continuous spiral rounds (i.e., do not join at end of each round but continue around in single crochet. Use a yarn marker to denote beginning of each round.) Remainder of hat is worked with join at end of each round, chain up to begin next round.

Terms: beg = beginning, BLO = back loop only, ch = chain, ea = each, hdc = half double crochet, inc = increase, rnd = round, sc = single crochet, sl st = slip stitch, yo = yarn over

Hat crown (worked in continuous spiral - see note above)

Rnd 1: Make beginning ring (wind yarn around finger, insert hook into center of this ring, yo and pull loop through, ch 1), work 6 sc in ring (6 sc)

Rnd 2 (increase rnd): Work 2 sc in ea sc around (12 sc)

Rnd 3 (increase rnd): Work 2 sc in ea sc around (24 sc)

Rnd 4: Sc in ea sc around (24 sc)

Rnd 5 (increase rnd): Work 2 sc in 1st sc, 1 sc in next sc, *work 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc, rep from * around (36 sc)

Rnd 6: Sc in ea sc around (36 sc) Hat sides (join with slip stitch at end of each round, chain up for next rnd * see note above):

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdc in back loop only (BLO) of ea sc around, join with sl st (36 hdc)

Rnds 8-11: Ch 2, hdc in ea hdc around, join with sl st (36 hdc)

Hat brim

Rnd 12 (increase rnd): Work 2 hdc in 1st hdc, hdc in ea of next 3 hdc, *work 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in ea of next 3 hdc, rep from * around, join with sl st (48 hdc)

Rnd 13 (increase rnd): Work 2 hdc in 1st hdc, hdc in ea of next 4 hdc, *work 2

hdc in next hdc, hdc in ea of next 4 hdc, rep from * around, join with sl st (60 hdc)

Edging & Trim

Slip st in ea hdc around (60 sl st), join and fasten off.

Join yarn to any free loop on crown, then sl st in ea free loop around. Join with sl st, fasten off.

Holding strand of yarn inside hat between Rnds 11 & 12, insert crochet hook from outside of hat through to inside, grab the strand of yarn with hook and pull through to outside of hat. Working loosely, sl st around entire hat, forming a line of decorative chain stitches between Rnds 11 & 12 (this helps give the hat stability when worn). Join with sl st, fasten off. Weave in all ends.

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