

Bulky Men's Hat

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Materials:

Hook: size L (#11, 8mm)

Yarn: depends on which hat you make but I suggest purchasing 2 skeins (about 7 ozs). This amount will work with worsted or bulky yarn.

Picture on right uses Loops and Threads Charisma color Ashes

Size: Adult Large

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dc(s) = double crochet(s)

ea = each

st = stitch

Note: Instead of (ch 1, dc in same stitch), you can use the more commonly seen ch-2 or ch-3 for height

Instructions:

All rounds will be worked on right side.

Make adjustable ring (or ch 4 and join into a ring).

Round 1: chain 1, work 12 dcs in the center ring, join with a slip stitch to first dc (12 dcs). You can close the hole of your adjustable ring now.

Round 2: ch 1, work 2 dcs in same stitch, then work 2 dc in each stitch around, (24 stitches), join with a slip stitch to first dc.

So far we've done just a normal increase to keep a round piece flat in dc. Now we will start a gradual slope. You want to increase, but you don't want it to lie flat. An increase of 12 stitches each round makes it lie flat, so we're going to increase by only 6 stitches. 24 divided by 6 is four, so we need to place our increase at the 4th stitch. Note that the increase of each round will be placed in the second stitch of the increase of the previous round. That is how you can tell if you are making your increase in the correct spot.

Round 3: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, then work 1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches, work 2 dc in next stitch (that's your increase), (dc in each of the next 3 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 more times) (30 stitches), join with a slip stitch to first dc

We're going to do another gradual increase. You now have 30 stitches. 30 divided by 6 is 5. We want our increase in every 5th stitch for the next round.

Round 4: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, dc in each of the next 3 double crochets, 2 dc in next stitch, (dc in ea of the next 4 dcs, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 more times), (36 stitches), join with a slip stitch to first dc



You now have 36 stitches. 36 divided by 6 is 6. We want our increase in every 6th stitch for the next round.

Round 5: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, dc in each of the next 4 double crochets, 2 dc in next stitch, (dc in ea of the next 5 dcs, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 more times) (42 stitches) join with a slip stitch to first dc

You now have 42 stitches. 42 divided by 6 is 7. We want our increase in every 7th stitch for the next round.

Round 6: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, dc in each of the next 5 double crochets, 2 dc in next stitch, (dc in ea of the next 6 dcs, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 more times) (48 stitches) join with a slip stitch to first dc

Check to see if hat is appropriate size. If it is too small, work Round 7. If the hat is the size you want, skip round 7 and go to Round 8. (My husband found it snug, but usable when I stopped at this point.)

Round 7: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, dc in each of the next 6 double crochets, 2 dc in next stitch, (dc in ea of the next 7 dcs, 2 dc in next stitch) around (54 stitches) join with a slip stitch to first dc

Round 8: ch 1, work 1 dc in same st, dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to first dc. You will have 48 or 54 stitches on this round depending on if you worked Round 7 or not. (If you've worked both Rounds 7 and 8 your hat should be approx. 9" from top of hat to rim at this point.)

Note: If you are working the double thickness, you might like to mark where you start working the dc rounds for counting purposes. The rounds previous to this were smaller. When you work your double thickness, you might like to stop where you start working even though you can choose to make a smaller brim.

Pictured hat uses Mode Dea Tweedle Dee Shaded Effect Surf and Turf yarn.

Round 9-14: Repeat row 8, working dc in each stitch.

If you skipped 7, you will have 13 rows at this point. Hat should be at least 8" from top of hat to bottom of last row worked if this is for a man. Hat should fit just below the ears on the person for whom you are making the hat.

This is the actual "hat" portion. The rest of the work is the upturned brim.

For double thickness:

Round 14/15 (depending on whether you worked Round 7 or not): working into FLO (front loop only) work one round of dc. This is the point at which you will turn up



your brim

Round 15/16-20/21: working through both loops, continue working dc rounds.

Finish off as follows:

At end of last round pull yarn through last stitch, thread in large eye needle, Insert hook in first single crochet (it will be to your left) (NOT the ch-1), from front to back, through BOTH loops, then bring strand around and insert in back loop only of last single crochet made, from front to back (but only through the back loop). Weave threads in. You should not be able to tell where you finished off. This is a slightly altered version of the invisible finish off.

Sew in all tails. Pull up hat brim at the FLO round which gives a double thickness for greater warmth.

For single thickness:

SC Brim:

Round 13-16 (sc brim): ch 1, single crochet in next stitch and in each stitch around, join with sl st to first sc. This should cover the head and go over the ears.

Extra note: I find that the ch-1 to bring up to height in sc confuses where your first sc is, so I don't do it. I join with a sl st to the beg sl st on ea round. Since I am only working 3 rounds, the difference in height is not a big issue. If you decide to make more rounds, however, you might want to have that extra height. You could conceivably work in a spiral with no join which would also work.

To work hat pattern with worsted weight yarn

Work hat pattern as above except you will need more increase rounds. Work to 72 stitches, then work even until hat measures about 8" for a man (approx to 16 rounds), then work your FLO round and continue as above.

In general, a man's hat should be about 22 to 24" around and at least 8" long. If you are used to making baby or children's hats, this will look absolutely huge to you, but it will fit a man.

