Crochet • Beginner (first hat)

Ember Beanie

A simple crochet beanie worked from the top down in joined rounds of half double crochet, finished with a firm single-crochet band. Three sizes with the same round numbers: only the number of stitches you start with changes.

Size

Adult S [M, L]: about 18¼ [20½, 23] in (46 [52, 58] cm) around and 8½ in (21.5 cm) tall; fits a head of about 19½–20½ [21–22, 23–24] in (50–52 [53–56, 58–61] cm).

Materials

- Yarn: worsted-weight (#4) wool or acrylic, about 135 [150, 170] yds (123 [137, 155] m).
- Hook: US H-8 (5 mm).
- Notions: stitch marker, tapestry needle.

Gauge

14 hdc and 10 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. Check your gauge: the fit depends on it.

Abbreviations

ch: chain
sc: single crochet
st(s): stitch(es)
*: repeat the instructions after the * as directed
sl st: slip stitch
hdc: half double crochet
rep: repeat
[ ]: numbers for the larger sizes

Notes

- US crochet terms.
- Numbers are given for Adult S, with M and L in brackets: 8 [9, 10]. Where only one number is given, it is for all sizes.
- The round numbers are the same in every size. The ch-2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; join each round to the first hdc.
- The crown lies flat at first and starts to curve down once the increases stop.

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Make a magic ring (or ch 4 and join with a sl st to form a ring).

☐ Crown

Round 1: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), 8 [9, 10] hdc in the ring. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. (8 [9, 10] hdc)
Round 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join. (16 [18, 20] hdc)
Round 3: Ch 2, *hdc in the next st, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (24 [27, 30] hdc)
Round 4: Ch 2, *hdc in the next 2 sts, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (32 [36, 40] hdc)
Round 5: Ch 2, *hdc in the next 3 sts, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (40 [45, 50] hdc)
Round 6: Ch 2, *hdc in the next 4 sts, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (48 [54, 60] hdc)
Round 7: Ch 2, *hdc in the next 5 sts, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (56 [63, 70] hdc)
Round 8: Ch 2, *hdc in the next 6 sts, 2 hdc in the next st; rep from * around. Join. (64 [72, 80] hdc)

☐ Body

Rounds 9–19: Ch 2, hdc in each st around. Join. (64 [72, 80] hdc)

☐ Band

Rounds 20–23: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join to the first sc. (64 [72, 80] sc)

☐ Finishing

- Fasten off and weave in the ends. Pull the magic ring tail tight before you weave it in.

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