

# Hakuna Matata

Knit Natural

**Difficulty:** Beginner

**Materials:**

- Super bulky yarn (90 Yards) SMC Bravo Big Color
- N Crochet Hook (10.0 mm)
- J Crochet Hook (6.0 mm)
- 2 Interlocking Stitch markers



**Abbreviations:**

**blp** - back loop only

**ch** - chain

**dc** - double crochet

**flp** - front loop only

**hdc** - half double crochet

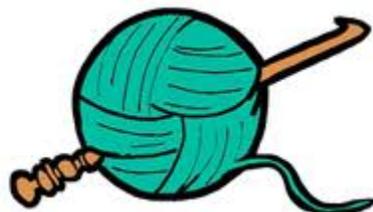
**rnd** - round(s)

**sc** - single crochet

**sl st** - slip stitch

**st** - stitch(s)

Hakuna Matata ~ it means "no worries", a great philosophy, and a good basis for this hat. Easy to create and even easier to wear, and you will look good too! This hat can be made for men, women or children by adding or omitting extra repeats of round 5 in the crown. Embellish it as you like with big buttons, flowers or leave it simple.



**Crown:** Using the N hook, Ch 4, 11 dc in 4<sup>th</sup> chain from hook, join with a sl st in top of chain 4. (12 dc)

**Round 2:** (Now working in a spiral) 2 dc in the same stitch (mark the first stitch made with a stitch marker), dc in next st, \*2 dc in the next st, dc in next st\* repeat from \* to \* 4 more times, and end at the marked stitch. (18 dc worked)

**Round 3:** 2 dc in the same stitch (don't forget to move your marker to each starting stitch on each round), dc in the next 2 sts. \*2 dc in the next st, dc in the next 2 sts\* repeat from \* to \* 4 more times. (24 dc worked)

**Round 4:** 2 dc in the same stitch, dc in the next 3 sts. \*2 dc in the next stitch, dc in the next 3 stitches\* repeat from \* to \* 4 more times and end on marked stitch. (30 dc worked)

**Round 5:** Dc in each of the next 30 stitches. (30 dc)

Repeat round 5 3 more time or until you reach your desired length. Do **not** cut yarn, the crown and brim are worked together.

**Brim:** Sc in first stitch (mark this stitch as the beginning of the round), sl st in next 6 stitches (make these sl sts **VERY** loose!) Switch to the J hook and sc in the next st. Sc in flp of the next 15 sts, mark next st with a stitch marker. Sc in both loops of marked st, turn. (23 sts worked)

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next st, \*dc in the next st, 2 dc in next st\* repeat from \* to \* 4 more times. Dc in the next st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next 2 sts, turn. (21 sts worked)

**Round 3:** Ch 1, sc in the next st, hdc in the next st, \*dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st\* repeat from \* to \* 4 more times. Dc in the next st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next 2 sts and sl st in marked st to join brim and body together. **Do not turn** (27 sts worked)

**Round 4:** Using N hook, sl st in the next 6 stitches very loosely. (If your sts are too tight, your hat will likely be too tight as well) Join with a sl st in the first sc from round 1 of brim. Do not turn (6 sts worked)

**Round 5:** Ch 1, sl st in blp of next 6 sts, sc in next 28 sts along brim, sl st in blp of next 6 sts and join with a sl st in top of beginning ch 1.

- Try on your hat and see how it fits. If it's too tight, try re-doing the brim and make your sl sts as loose as you can. When you have reached your desired fit, cut yarn and weave in the loose ends. (40 stitches total) Yay done!!



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