



# BOHOKNITS PATTERNS

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## Triton's Thinking Cap

### Abbreviations

<b>approx</b>	approximately
<b>beg</b>	beginning
<b>bet</b>	between
<b>BO</b>	bind off
<b>CC</b>	contrasting colour
<b>ch</b>	chain
<b>cn</b>	cable needle
<b>CO</b>	cast on
<b>cont</b>	continue
<b>dc</b>	double crochet
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double point needle(s)
<b>dec(s)</b>	decrease(s)
<b>fol</b>	follow(ing)
<b>hdc</b>	half double crochet
<b>hk</b>	hook
<b>inc</b>	increase
<b>incl</b>	including
<b>K</b>	knit
<b>K1 f&amp;b</b>	knit 1 st in front and back
<b>ktbl</b>	knit through back loop
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise
<b>K2tog</b>	knit two together
<b>lp(s)</b>	loop(s)
<b>M1</b>	make one
<b>M1L</b>	make one left
<b>M1R</b>	make one right
<b>MC</b>	main colour
<b>P</b>	purl
<b>patt</b>	pattern
<b>pm</b>	place marker
<b>psso</b>	passover
<b>pu</b>	pick up
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise
<b>rem</b>	remaining
<b>rep</b>	repeat
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sc</b>	single crochet
<b>sk</b>	skip
<b>sl m</b>	slip marker
<b>sp(s)</b>	space(s)
<b>ssk</b>	slip, slip, k2 slipped sts tog
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>st st</b>	stockinette stitch
<b>tbl</b>	through back loop
<b>tog</b>	together
<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>YO</b>	yarn over



It doesn't get much easier than this! Suitable for beginners, but it's also a fun, quick pattern for more experienced crocheters. This hat is wonderfully comfy and warm making it a great thinking cap. Will work with most yarn types and weights.

**Craft:** crochet

**Skill Level:** Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

**Skills:** ch, hdc, bphdc

**Sizes:** adult medium (22" circumference) and large (24" circumference) with instructions to adjust

**Finished Measurements:** (of example shown, size medium) 8" long x 11" across lying flat

**Gauge:** approx. 8.5 sts and 8 rows = 4" with 10 mm in patt; 14 sts = 4" with 6 mm (as given on ball band)

**Yarn:** approx. 100g bulky weight yarn, 2 strands held together; (you may substitute a different weight - see instructions for more details)

**Suggested Brand:** 2 balls Diamond Tempo Chunky (discontinued)

**Hook:** 10 mm (or to match yarn)

**Other Materials:** tapestry needle or teeny crochet hook, scrap yarn

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**Notes and Tips:**

- There will be a slight seam at the back of your hat. Make sure you use a marker (a piece of scrap yarn works well) for the beg of your rnd and that you start your new rnd with the correct st.
- The decreases are worked with two strands of chunky yarn in mind. If you are substituting a different yarn that is much smaller, you may end up with a bit of a funny crown. My advice on this would be to rep Dec Rnd 1-2 once more before completing Rnd 3 and 4.

**Note on yarn:**

Getting gauge with this hat can be a little tricky, but it's very versatile. My advice is to choose two strands of the yarn that you like, as long as it's worsted weight or heavier. I like the effect of huge stitches by doubling bulky yarn, but the hat will work well with almost anything. The thicker your yarn, the faster it crochets up!

This hat is worked with a multiple of 4 sts + 1.

If you aren't using the recommended brand of yarn, ch enough sts so that the strand fits comfortably around your head (or the recipient's head); don't pull the strand really tight or else your hat will give you a headache.

For an accurate measurement, make sure to measure around your ears and forehead, not the crown of your head. Now, count your sts and make sure the number is divisible by 4, + 1. (Ex.  $52 + 1 = 53$  chs not including the one on your hook).

If you are a little more experienced, another method for figuring out how many sts to ch would be to make a gauge swatch, measure your head with a measuring tape and then figure out how many sts per inch you have on your swatch and multiply it to fit the circumference, making sure it's still divisible by 4 + 1.

**Stitches:**

**hdc** = half-double crochet

Yarn over. Insert hook in next stitch.

Yarn over. Pull yarn through stitch.

Yarn over. Pull yarn through all 3 loops on hook.

**bphdc** = back post half-double crochet

Yarn over. Insert hook *around* post of next stitch (from back to front).

Yarn over. Pull yarn through stitch.

Yarn over. Pull yarn through all 3 loops on hook.

**Instructions:**

With two strands held together, ch 40 (44) sts + 1. Join in the rnd with a sl st, being careful not to twist your sts. Pm for beg of rnd.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 2 (first hdc), hdc in each st around. Join to first ch 2 with a sl st.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2 (first bphdc), bphdc in each st around. Join to first ch 2 with a sl st.

Repeat these two rnds 5 times total or until hat measures approx. 4-5".

**Dec Rnds:**

**Rnd 1:** Ch 2 (first hdc), \*hdc in next 2 sts, work 1 dec over next 2 sts as follows: (insert hook in next st, YO, pull through) twice, YO, pull through all 3 sts\*, rep from \* to \* to end of rnd. Join to first ch 2 with a sl st.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2 (first bphdc), bphdc in each st around. Join to first ch 2 with a sl st.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2 (first hdc), \*hdc in next st, work 1 dec over next 2 sts as before\*, rep from \* to \* to end of rnd. Join to first ch 2 with a sl st.

**Rnd 4+:** Ch 2 (first hdc), work 1 dec over next 2 sts around until hat is closed up.

Cut yarn and tie off. Weave in ends.

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