



BOHOKNITS PATTERNS

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Easy-As-Pie Crochet Hat Recipe

Abbreviations

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



“Thesaurus.com, Main Entry: **easy as pie**

Synonyms: duck soup, easily done, easily managed, easy as can be, like falling off a log, like shooting fish in a barrel, like stealing candy from a baby, no sweat, simple as ABC.”

Use this recipe to make an easy crocheted hat in any size (literally).

Craft: crochet

Skill Level: Rookie-Apprentice-Virtuoso-Genius

Skills: ch, sc

Sizes: any size

Finished Measurements: any

Gauge: dependent on yarn and hook choice

Yarn: Approx. 100 g, 220 yds (201 m) of almost any yarn. You might need more if you are using a very bulky yarn.

Hook: match to yarn (check ball band)

Other Materials: darning needle or teeny crochet hook

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**Instructions:**

Make a gauge swatch with the suggested hook and see how you like the fabric (you don't want it too dense or stiff, but not too loose or else it's not very warm).

Chain enough sts to fit around you head (or the recipient's head).

Now you get to count all those little guys!
Your chs should be a multiple of 6 + 1.

Make sure the string doesn't fit too tightly – you should be able to comfortably fit a finger or two between your head and the string. This takes a little bit of intuition since wool has a little bit of ease whereas some fibres, like cotton, have no stretch or give.

Using a slip st, join your string in the rnd. Try not to twist your chs.

Work a sc in every st around.

Note: I usually like to insert my hook through both loops, depending on the project, but you should do what feels right for you.

Keep working in a spiral (just keep single crocheting, see Note below) until your hat measures approx. 4" for a baby, 4.5" for a child and 5" for an adult.

Use your judgement and instincts to find the right size – if you try your hat on, it should look like an oversized headband with the crown of your head just peeking out.

Note: Usually, to work a crochet rnd, you would ch1 at the beg of each rnd and then sl st into that ch when you come back to the beginning to keep everything straight. Some people find this easier so that they can keep track of their rows - for a hat like this, though, I like to keep it simple. However you prefer to do it, just make sure you aren't skipping chs and gradually making your hat smaller.

Decreases:

Use a scrap piece of yarn to mark the beg of the rnd. Slip it as you go.

Rnd 1: *work 5 scs, sk one st*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 2 (and all even rnds): work sc in each st around.

Rnd 3: *work 4 scs, sk one st*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 5: *work 3 scs, sk one st*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 7: *work 2 scs, sk one st*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: *work 1 sc, sk one st*, rep from * to * to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 9 until you run out of sts. If it looks like your hat is getting too pointy at the top, omit the even numbered rnds from the last few inches of the hat.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.

Get Creative:

- * Add earflaps
- * Tassels (twisted or braided)
- * Add a little brim
- * Trim (hold yarn double stranded and single crochet around the bottom)
- * Pom Poms!
- * Hold two strands together for entire hat (see photo, bulky weight wool with a variegated fingering weight)
- * Make patterns, designs or stripes by combining scs and dcs
- * Slouchy (make the body of you hat longer before you begin the decs)

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