

Classic Beanie

(original pattern written by Tommi Johnstone and available at TinctureCraft.com)

Finished Size (laid flat): 10" across, 7-3/4" from rib to crown. One size fits most adults.

Skill: Beginner

MATERIALS

Crochet hooks, size J and H

worsted weight yarn (category 4)

(Note: I particularly like using a roving wool with this pattern, but any worsted weight yarn will look good.)

GAUGE:

8 hdc + 6 rows = 3 in.

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Start with a Magic Ring.

(If you don't know how to make a Magic Ring, you can find out at

<http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2013/09/demystifying-the-magic-ring/>. But what *is* a Magic Ring, you ask! It is the secret to starting a crochet circle without that pesky little hole in the middle. It is exactly the same as the way I learned to make my starting loop, only you don't pull the yarn tight to form a knot. Trust me, it will change your life!)

Row 1: Ch 1, work 8 hdc in Magic Ring. Pull loose end tight to close hole (I do this again before I weave in the ends too). Sl st in top of 1st hdc. (8 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 1, work 2 hdc in each st around. Sl St in top of first hdc. (16 hdc)

Row 3: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in next st, repeat from *. Sl st in top of first hdc. (24 hdc)

Row 4: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each of the next 2 sts, repeat from *. Sl st in top of first hdc. (32 hdc)

Row 5: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each of the next 3 sts, repeat from *. Sl st in top of first hdc. (40 hdc)

Row 6: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each of the next 4 sts, repeat from *. Sl st in top of first hdc. (48 hdc)

Row 7: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of the next 5 sts, repeat from * three more times, 2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of the next 3 sts. Sl st in top of first hdc. (57 hdc)

Row 8: Ch 1, *work 2 hdc in same st, 1 hdc in each of the next 18 sts, repeat from *. Sl st in top of first hdc. (60 hdc)

Row 9: Ch 1, work 1 hdc in same st and in each st around. Sl St in top of first hdc. (60 hdc)

Row 10-15: Repeat row 8.

Row 16-17 (or until desired length): Switch to H-hook. Repeat row 8.

Row 18: Ch 1, work 1 sc in same st and in each st around. Sl St in first sc. (60 sc)

Fasten off. Weave in ends.