

BASIC CROCHETED CAP

This medium-sized hat is worked in the round in single crochet, and takes about 3.5 oz (170 yds) of Lamb's Pride or other slightly heavy worsted.

It can easily be adapted to other yarn, or other sizes, once you know the gauge and head size.

Gauge is about 3.5 ST/inch before washing and blocking, 3.25 ST/inch blocked.

Size G crochet hook, or whatever it takes for gauge.

You must be know how to single crochet (SC) in the round, starting from a ring, and how to increase. ST is stitch, RND is round.

Starting top center, this hat is made in three stages.

- A flat disc, that starts with a ring, and has 6 INC/RND, just enough to make it lie flat.
- Then a section that curves downwards, with DECs.
- And then a tube or cylinder. The last 4-6 RNDs can of this section can be worked differently to make a distinct band, or be the same as the others.

TOP Start with a ring. In it make 6 SC. In each of them, make 2 SC (an INC). You now have 12 SC. For the disc to lie flat, you will need 6 INC/RND. Since the INCs are distributed evenly, and stacked, they outline six sections or gores. And since they are made in the 1st of the 2 ST that make the INC in the precious RND, the line of INCs swirls a little bit clockwise, making a subtle texture effect. Use a row marker. A different colored piece of yarn or string, laid back-and-forth across the work as each RND ends, works well. Do this till the disc is 36 ST around.

UPPER (SLANTED) SIDES For this part, there will be 4 INC/RND. The hat will curve down from the disc. Keep using your row marker. The lines of INC will swirl the same way, but will only sometimes follow out from the INC lines of the disc (4 lines, instead of 6). Follow this pattern until you have 68 STs, adding 4 each time around. Skip the last round for a small hat, add another [(INC, 16 SC)*4] for a large one.

LOWER (STRAIGHT UP-AND-DOWN) SIDES

Make 12 RNDs, with no INCs or DECs.

Finish your (or someone else's) hat with 4-6 more RNDs. This can be done in a variety of ways.

OPTIONS

- Plain SC, worked around thin round elastic if you like. You may wish to change to a smaller hook.
- A "faux" ribbing made by alternating RNDs of SC just into the front loop, just into the back loop. If you wish, lay thin round elastic along the row, and work your SC around it.
- RNDs of "shallow" SC, worked around the "posts". The rows are "shallower" (more per inch), so you may want more. This kind of band may roll, block the curl out if you wish.
- Pick up the ST with a knitting needle and knit a ribbing.



TOP

Start with a ring, work 6 SC into it.

STs at RND end

RND 1	(INC)*6	12
RND 2	(INC, 1 SC)*6	18
RND 3	(INC, 2 SC)*6	24
RND 4	(INC, 3 SC)*6	36

Each RND has six sections.

Each section starts with an INC, and picks up one more SC between INCs each time around.

UPPER (SLANTED) SIDES

RND 5	(INC, 8 SC)*4	40
RND 6	(INC, 9 SC)*4	44
RND 7	(INC, 10 SC)*4	48
RND 8	(INC, 11 SC)*4	52
RND 9	(INC, 12 SC)*4	56
RND 10	(INC, 13 SC)*4	60
RND 11	(INC, 14 SC)*4	64
RND 12	(INC, 15 SC)*4	68

LOWER (STRAIGHT UP-AND-DOWN) SIDES

RND 13	all SC	68
	round-and-round to	68
RND 24	all SC	68

Finish with a band. See options to the left

