

THE BEAR-ET

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Crocheted in the round from the center out, this teddy bear hat is a beginner friendly crochet project that works up quickly! This cute lil hat is the perfect accessory for celebrating how adorable you are!

This pattern was designed as a free pattern for Firefly Fiber Arts Studio for Local Yarn Store Day 2023.

MEASUREMENTS

Diameter: 11"

YARN

2 skeins of Woolfolk Får (Color #22)
or
240 yards of worsted weight yarn

REQUIRED SKILLS

Magic circle, single crochet, increasing, decreasing

NOTIONS

- ▶ 6.5 mm (US Size K) crochet hook or appropriate hook size for gauge
- ▶ Stitch marker
- ▶ Tapestry needle

GAUGE

7 rows in the round = 4" diameter

PATTERN NOTES

- ▶ This hat is worked in the round, from center out. Increases are worked every row until the hat reaches the desired size, and then decreases are worked to finish the brim.
- ▶ The ears are worked separately, in the round as small dome. They are then sewn on the top of the beret once all the pieces have been crocheted.



GLOSSARY

sc - single crochet

st(s) - stitch(es)

[] - repeat bracket; repeat any instructions between brackets to where indicated

increase - single crochet 2 times into one stitch

decrease - insert hook into one stitch, yarn over and pull through (2 loops on hook), insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull through (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops

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INSTRUCTIONS

Note: This beret is crocheted in a spiral, increasing 6 stitches evenly across each round. I have offset the increases to avoid creating a hexagonal shape and having visible increases.

Making the Beret:

Set up: create a magic ring and sc 6 stitches into the magic ring (6 st)

Place marker to denote beginning of round; continue to move the marker up after every round is worked

Round 1: increase into each st to marker (12 sts)

Round 2: [sc 1, increase] to marker (18 sts)

Round 3: [increase, sc 2] to marker (24 sts)

Round 4: sc 2, [increase, sc 3] to last st before marker, sc 1 (30 sts)

Round 5: [increase, sc 4] to marker (36 sts)

Round 6: sc 4, [increase, sc 5] to 2 st before marker, increase, sc 1 (42 sts)

Round 7: sc 1 [increase, sc 6] to 6 st before marker, increase, sc 5 (48 sts)

Round 8: [increase, sc 7] to marker (54 sts)

Round 9: sc 4, [increase, sc 8] to 4 st before marker, sc 4 (60 sts)

Round 10: sc 7, [increase sc 9] to 3 st before marker, increase, sc 2 (66 sts)

Round 11: [increase, sc 10] to marker (72 sts)

Round 12: sc 4, [increase, sc 11] to 7 sts before marker, increase, sc 7 (78 sts)

Round 13: sc 2, [increase, sc 12] to 11 sts before marker, increase, sc 10 (84 sts)

Round 14: [sc 13, increase] to marker (90 sts)

Round 15: sc 5, [increase, sc 14] to 10 st before marker, increase, sc 9 (96 sts)

Round 16: sc 3, [increase, sc 15] to last 13 sts before marker, increase, sc 12 (102 sts)

Round 17: [increase, sc 16] to marker (108 sts)

Round 18: sc 6, [increase, sc 17] to 12 st before marker, increase, sc 11 (114 sts)

Round 19: sc 12, [increase, sc 18] to 7 sts before the marker, increase, sc 6 (120 sts)

Round 20: [increase, sc 19] to marker (126 sts)

Round 21: sc 5, [increase, sc 20] to 15 sts before marker, increase, sc 14 (132 sts)

We will now be working decreases to work the bottom part of the beret. I suggest you try your beret on as you decrease until it fits your head comfortably. My sample's head opening has a diameter of 5-1/2".

Round 22: [sc 20, decrease] to marker (126 sts)

Round 23: sc 5, [decrease, sc 19] to 14 sts before marker, decrease, sc 12 (120 sts)

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Round 24: [decrease, sc 18] to marker (114 sts)

Round 25: sc 9, [decrease, sc 17] to 10 sts before marker, decrease, sc 8 (108 sts)

Round 26: sc 14, [decrease, sc 16] to 4 sts before marker, decrease, sc 2 (102 sts)

Round 27: sc 3, [decrease, sc 15] to last 14 sts, decrease, sc 12 (96 sts)

Round 28: [decrease, sc 14] to marker (90 sts)

Round 29: sc 4, [decrease, sc 13] to 11 sts before marker, decrease, sc 9 (84 sts)

Round 30: sc 5, [decrease, sc 12] to 9 sts before marker, decrease, sc 7 (78 sts)

Round 31: [sc 11, decrease] to marker (72 sts)

Round 32: sc 2, [decrease, sc 10] to 10 sts before marker, decrease, sc 8 (66 sts)

Round 33: sc 4, [decrease, sc 9] to 7 sts before marker, decrease, sc 5 (60 sts)

Round 34: [decrease, sc 8] to marker

Cut yarn and pull through to close open loop

Begin making the ears

Making the Ears:

Note: The ears are small half-spheres crocheted in a spiral. After crocheting them, we will press our half-spheres flat and sew the bottom edge of the half-spheres onto the beret to create ears that can stand on their own.

Set up: create a magic ring and sc 6 stitches into the magic ring (6 st)

Place marker to denote beginning of round; continue to move the marker up after every round is worked

Round 1: [increase] to marker (12 sts)

Round 2: [sc 1, increase] to marker (18 sts)

Round 3: sc 1, increase, [sc 2, increase] to last st before marker, sc 1 (24 sts)

Work sc for 6 rounds

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing, and pull through to close open loop

Work "Making the Ears" instructions once more for the second ear

Flatten ears and, using the tail, sew the flat edge of the ears to the beret. I suggest pinning on your ears before sewing to ensure you like the placement. Weave in ends and enjoy your finished beret!

NOTE FROM THE DESIGNER:

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