

firefly's basic crochet hat

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This is a beginner friendly hat meant to teach you many different techniques in one project. This pattern comes with an instructional video you can follow along as you make your hat! This hat uses the following techniques: crocheting in the round, Foundation Double Crochet stitch, Front Post / Back Post Ribbing, half double crochet, and half double decrease. This pattern creates a cozy hat that you will love to wear as the season gets colder.

required skills

Must be comfortable with the single and double crochet stitches. The stitches we use in this pattern are variations of these stitches, so being comfortable making them will make learning these techniques easier.

instructional video

www.fireflyfiberarts.com/learn-the-basics

materials

2 skeins of Bulky Yarn - In the instructional video, we used Echoview Fiber Mill, Ranger Bulky, 90% Merino, 10% Rambouillet, 140y/100g
Size J - 10 (6mm) Hook
Removable stitch markers
Tapestry needle



gauge

10 hdc stitches x 10 rows = 4 inches

sizing

S (L)

notes

There are several ways to crochet in the round, in this pattern, we are crocheting in a spiral. Make sure to mark your beginning of round, and re-mark it with a removable stitch marker when you start a new round. In the video, I use CocoKnits Split Ring Stitch Markers

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abbreviations

see video for step by step instructions

Fdc - Foundation Double Crochet

sl st - slip stitch

FPdc - Front Post double crochet

BPdc - Back Post double crochet

hdc - half double crochet

hdc2tog - half double crochet 2 stitches

together

st - stitch

instructions

for both sizes

1: Start with a slip knot, and work your Fdc for 54 (60) stitches

2: Join in the round by joining the first and last st together with a sl st, making sure not to twist your Fdc

3: FPdc in the first st, BPdc in the next.

Repeat (FPdc, BPdc) for 2 rounds

4: hdc in each st until your piece measures 9 inches

decreases for size S

5: hdc in next 4 sts (hdc2tog, hdc in next 2 sts), repeat 12 times, hdc in last 2 stitches (42 sts remaining)

6: (hdc in the next st, hdc2tog), repeat 12 times, hdc in last 2 stitches (28 sts remaining)

7: hdc2tog for the entire round (14 sts remaining)

8: hdc2tog for the entire round (7 sts remaining). Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing

9: with your tapestry needle, use your tail to weave through the sts, synching the top shut

10: weave in your ends

decreases for size L

5: (hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog), repeat for the entire round (45 sts remaining)

6: (hdc in next st, hdc2tog), repeat for the entire round (30 sts remaining)

7: hdc2tog for the entire round (15 sts remaining)

8: hdc2tog for the entire round, hdc last st (8 sts remaining). Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing

9: with your tapestry needle, use your tail to weave through the sts, synching the top shut

10: weave in your ends

