

Hats for Hope: Hat Instructions

Follow these instructions to make the perfect **crocheted watch cap**.

Materials needed:

- One 4-oz. Skein yarn
- Size G Hook
- Gauge – 7 stitches = 2 inch – 4 rows = 1 inch

Instructions:

Chain 51 stitches to measure 12 inches

Row 1: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and 1 sc in each remaining ch. Ch 1 and turn (50 sts)

Row 2: 1 sc in back loop of each st in Row 1 – Ch 1 and turn

Row 3: 1 sc in back loop of each of 35 sts – Ch 1 and turn, leaving remaining 15 sts unworked

Row 4: 1 sc in back loop of each st to end of row (35 sts) – Ch 1 and turn

Row 5: 1 sc in back loop of each st to end of row, picking up the remaining 15 unworked in previous row

Repeat Rows 2 through 5 until piece measures 17 inches. Fasten off. Seam the seam, run double strand of yarn through short row at top and pull tightly.

Pompom: Wrap yarn around 2” cardboard, tie on one end and trim.

Follow these instructions to make the perfect **knitted hat**.

Size: Adult small

Yarn: Worsted weight 4-ply knitting yarn; 1 skein each of two colors.

Gauge: Over stockinette stitch 5 st = 1 inch

Needle: One size-8 16" circular needle

Instructions:

With circular needle cast on 84 stitches. Make sure stitches are not twisted before beginning the first round. Work k 1, p 1 ribbing for 1½". Place a marker at "seamline" (end of round) and work in stockinette stitch for 7". To finish, cut yarn leaving a 24" tail from ending round.

With crochet hook or needle, thread the yarn through each stitch and pull to gather and form the top of the hat. Pull the excess yarn through the top of the hat and tie a knot. Cut excess yarn leaving 2" to weave into the backside of the hat.

To make a pompom:

Cut a piece of heavy cardboard as wide as you want the diameter of your pompom to be. (2 ½" to 3" is about medium). Wrap two colors of yarn 40 times around the cardboard. Wrap more yarn if you want a large pompom. Slip the loops from the cardboard and tie tightly in the center. Cut loops on both sides and shake pompom to fluff it out. Trim any loose or uneven ends.

For further hat suggestions: *Homespun, Handknit* Linda Ligon, editor. Interweave Press, 1987.

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