

## Solid Color Half Double Crochet (HDC) Beanie Pattern

(worked in the round to avoid a seam on our solid color beanies)

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- <u>YARN:</u> See website for approved soft yarns and colors. If this is your first Magic Yarn Beanie, please send two completed beanies to our Beanie Specialist. Label the beanies with hook size and number of increase rounds. Wait for feedback before creating more beanies. Not every beanie can handle the weight of the "hair" we attach to the wigs.
- <u>HOOK:</u> G or H Hook (depending on the thickness of the yarn and the tension in your stitches, you may need to adjust your hook size to get the right tension in your stitches.)
- <u>GAUGE:</u> Measure your crown width after R8 as a guide, however, the most important measurement is the size of the completed beanie.
- R1: 8 HDC in a <u>Double Magic Circle (adjustable loop)</u> (8)
- R2: 2 HDC in each stitch around (16)
- R3: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC in the next stitch\*, repeat from \* to \* (24)
- R4: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC each of next 2 stitches\*, repeat from \* to \* (32)
- R5: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC each of next 3 stitches\*, repeat from \* to \* (40)
- R6: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC each of next 4 stitches\*, repeat from \* to \* (48)
- R7: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC each of next 5 stitches\*, repeat from \* to \* (56)
- R8: \*2 HDC in the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch, 1 HDC each of next 6 stitches\*, repeat from \* to \* (64)

## Measure your Crown Width:

- If you are less than 5 ½ inches across, add an additional round of increase before starting a HDC in every stitch.
- If you are between  $5\frac{1}{2} 6$  inches across, continue with HDC in each stitch until beanie is desired length from Crown to Brim.
- If you are greater than 6 inches, restart your beanie with a smaller hook size.



Crown Width 5 ½ - 6 inches

Once desired Crown Width is achieved:

Continue with a HDC in each stitch until beanie is about 6 ¾ inches Crown to Brim. Add a final round of SC. Check the final measurements of the completed beanie using the guidelines below. If they are met, fasten off and weave in ends. Please ensure your Magic Circle is closed and end is woven in securely.

Check the size of your completed beanie BEFORE mailing (see our <u>beanie measuring tutorial</u>):



Crown to Brim Length Approximately 7 inches



Brim Width 8 ½ – 9 ¼ inches



Make sure it fits comfortably on a 21" circumference head (not too loose and not too tight)

Not every beanie can hold up to the weight of the yarn we attach for hair. Before you send in your two beanies for approval, you must be able to answer YES to the following:

Did you use approved yarn and pattern?

Did you start your beanie with a double magic circle (ring)?

Are your stitches consistent?

Does your beanie measure about 7 inches crown to brim?

😚 Does your beanie measure between 8 ½ - 9 ¼ inches in width?

Is your Magic Circle (ring) closed?

Did you remember to switch to a round of SC to finish off your beanie?

Are your ends woven in?

If you answered YES to all of the above, you are ready to mail your first two beanies to our Beanie Specialist for approval. Please be patient as she provides individual feedback to each new crocheter.

Even with the above, you may still get feedback that your tension is too loose or too tight. This is something that has to be felt and is hard to describe in words. We'll give it a try ... If you hold the beanie open and up to the light and can see through it, it is too loose. If you are having a hard time getting it to fit on the 21" foam head, it is too tight.

Send completed beanies to our Beanie Specialist until you have been approved. Once you have been approved, you may hand deliver your donations to your local Chapter Leader or mail to your closest donation location (Chief Operating Officer.) Please include a Feedback Form (one per box) and sticker (one per beanie - backing still attached) placed inside of each beanie (First Name, City, State – no street addresses).