



Front Post Hat

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This hat is extremely adaptable in terms of types of yarn and hook size.

A blanket can keep almost all of a child warm, but they still need something to protect their heads from the cold! Please make sure that the hats are large enough to fit a child's head. Proportionally, a four year old's head is almost the size of an adult, so please keep that in mind when you are crocheting. If the hat fits you, it will fit a child.

Adult head circumference: 21½" (55cm)
Adult height: 11" (28cm)



Materials and Tools

- Worsted weight yarn (American)/Aran (UK)/ 10 ply (Aus)
- 5 mm/US 8 hook
- OR**
- Chunky weight (American)/Bulky (UK)/ 12 ply (Aus)
- 6.00mm/US 10 hook

Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

| American | = British |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| slip stitch (sl st) | = single crochet (sc) |
| single crochet (sc) | = double crochet (dc) |
| double crochet (dc) | = treble (tr) |

Special Stitches

Front post double crochet (FPdc): yarn over, insert hook around post of stitch from right to left, yarn over, complete dc as usual.

Instructions

Ch 5 (adjust number to be just right for a ring to contain 12 dc). Join together with a slip stitch in first chain, making a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout). Dc 11 times into ring. (12 sts)

Instructions (cont'd.)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc into next dc of round below, FPdc around post of same dc (increase made), *dc into next st, FPdc around post of same dc*, continue from * to * around, join with slip stitch in top of beginning ch-3. (24 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc into next st, dc into next 2 sts, FPdc around FPdc of round below (increase made), *dc into next 2 sts, FPdc around FPdc of round below*. Continue repeating from * to * around, join with slip stitch in top of beginning ch-3. (36 sts)

Continue with increase pattern until the top of the hat is of the desired diameter for the crown of the hat (adult size).

Continue in the same pattern, but without increases, and by alternating dc and FPdc around, to make a ribbing pattern.

After the first row without an increase, continue in pattern always making dc into dc and FPdc around FPdc.

When the hat is the length desired, fasten off.

Variation

Add some stripes by changing yarn colours, or make the hat extra long to add a fold-up brim.

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