Fans Down Under-Free Crochet Pattern-Adult Size

A decorative Beanie, Hat, Beret or Slouch

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Introduction: With clever placements of the V stitch and 9 dc's all in a row, a few sc's and ch's thrown in together, gives this pretty little stitch pattern a big tick. You will need a bit of concentration to begin with, but the pattern does repeat it's self so it will become repetitive.

To fit: Adult, please read sizing guidelines supplied after row 8 of the crown and again at row 16 of the pattern rows.

Hook size: 3.5mm to 5.0mm, US G/6 Yarn: 8 ply approx 150 gm's US DK/Medium. US crochet terms used Skill level: beginner + Tension: medium Time: approx 2 hours

Stitches used:

SI st=slip stitch Ch=chain Sc = single crochet Hdc= half double crochet Dc =double crochet Fpdc=**front post** double crochet V st= (dc, ch 1, dc)

V stitch: The V stitch is (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc), worked into the st indicated by the pattern

We will be working with a hdc crown, this will give a longer pattern length within the hat. You are welcome to use dc's instead.

Please note! The beginning ch 1 and ch 2 of every rnd is not counted as a st.

BEGIN:

Chain 4, sl st to first ch to form a ring. Or use a magic ring.

Row 1, ch 1, work 12 hdc into ring, sl st to join in the 1st hdc (**you will join this way on every round**)

(Increase in every st) Row 2, ch 1, work 2 hdc into each hdc to end, sl st to join (24 hdc)

(Increase in every 3rd st) Row 3, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 2 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (32 hdc)

(Increase in every 4th st) Row 4, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 3 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (40 hdc)

(Increase in every 5th st) Row 5, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 4 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (48 hdc)

(Increase in every 6th st) Row 6, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 5 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (56 hdc)

Row 7, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 6 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next*

repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (64 hdc)

Row 8, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 7 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (72 hdc)

This may be a good time for you to measure your crown.

I am using a 3.5 mm hook and an 8 ply yarn which is a little on the thin side and looks nicer if I use the 3.5 mm hook with it.

My crown, measures 17 inches around and 5 inches across, it is too small for an adult hat (it would fit a child at this size).

If your crown is larger you can stop increases here.

Approx, 18.5 inches for small adult, approx 21 inches for medium to large adult hat.

If you have the correct fit now, just work 1 hdc in each st around and join, and then go onto the pattern rounds.

You also have the option to increase from 88 st's to 96 st's, for a lovely beret/slouch, but these extra st's will need to be decreased prior to the hat edging. Just follow the same formula above for the extra increases.

Row 9, ch 1, *work 1 hdc into the next 8 hdc, work 2 hdc into the next* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join (80 hdc)

My crown is now approx 18.5 inches around and 6 inches wide

Row 10, for the 80 hdc round, work 1 hdc in each st to end and sl st to join (80 hdc)

Begin Pattern Rows

Row 1, Ch 1, work 1 sc in same space as join, skip 3 st's, work 9 dc's in next st, skip 3 st's,* work 1 sc in next st, skip 3 st's, work 9 dc in next st, skip 3 st's,* repeat from *to* to end, sl st to join in beginning sc, (10 sc, 10 groups of 9 dc, or 1 less of each when using 72 dc crown) **Row2**, Ch 4, work 1 dc in same space as ch 4, ch 1, work 1 sc in the 4th, 5th and 6th dc of the 9 dc group, ch 1,* **work a V st (V st =1dc, ch1, 1dc) in the sc, ch 1, work 1 sc in the 4th, 5th and 6th dc of the 9 dc group, ch 1,* repeat from *to* to end, sl st into the space between the beginning ch 4 and 1 dc (10 groups of 3 sc, 10 V's or 1 less of each when using 72 dc crown)**

Row 3, Ch 3, work 4 dc in same space as join, skip 1 sc, work 1 sc in next sc, *work 9 dc in the V st space, skip 1 sc, work 1 sc in next sc,* repeat from *to* to end, work 4 dc in same space as the beginning (ch 3 and 4 dc) sl st into the top of the ch 3

Row 4, Ch 1, work 1 sc in same space as ch 1, work 1 sc in next dc, ch 1, work a V st in the next sc, ch 1,*work 1 sc in the 4th, 5th and 6th dc of the 9 dc group, ch 1, work a V st in the next sc, ch 1*, repeat from *to* to end, skip 3 dc, work 1 sc in 4th dc, sl st into the 1st sc of this round, (30 sc, 10 V st's)

Row 5, Ch 1, work 1 sc in same space as join, work 9 dc in the V st space, ***skip 1 sc, work 1 sc in next sc, work 9 dc in the V st space,*** repeat from *to* to end, sl st into the first sc of this round (10 sc, 10 groups of 9 dc)

Row 6, Repeat row 2 Row 7, Repeat row 3 Row 8, Repeat row 4 Row 9, Repeat row 5 Row 10, Repeat row 2 Row 11, Repeat row 3 Row 12, Repeat row 4 Row 13, Repeat row 5 Row 14, Repeat row 2 Row 15, Repeat row 3 Row 16, Repeat row 4

Once again take the time to measure your hat, if you want it longer repeat more pattern rows or make a longer ribbed edging as per following instructions. Just ensure you end with a row that has the V st in it.

My hat measures approx 8 inches in length now and I will begin my ribbed edging.

If you have made a beret/slouch you will need to decrease st's over a couple of rows of plain dc rounds until you reach your fit, between 72 and 80 st's for an adult size hat.

The decreases will be made in the reverse order as the increases, place a decrease where there was an increase.

MUST READ INSTRUCTIONS BELOW FOR CORRECT STITCH COUNT

I have counted each ch, sc and dc that I ended with, in row 15 of the pattern; I have 30 chain spaces, 30 sc and 20 dc, which add up to 80. Before I began the pattern rows, I had 80 st's, and that is the exact amount of st's I need to finish my hat edge with. If you had 64, 72, 80, 88 or 96 st's you will get that stitch count by counting the same st's as I did (each chain space, sc and dc).

Begin Simple Rib Hat Edge

The beginning ch 3 of each row is not counted as a stitch **Row 1,** Ch 3, work 1 dc in same space as ch 3, work 1 dc in every dc, ch space and sc of the round (st count as per instructions) **Row 2,** Ch 3, *work 1 dc in next dc, work 1 fpdc around the next dc,* repeat from *to* to end **Row 3,** Repeat row 2, 1 more time or for length desired

I find that once I have finished my ribbed rows it can tend to curl slightly,

so I work 1 more round of 1 hdc in each dc of the round then finish off and tie in ends.

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