

Oh Snap! Crochet Bucket Hat



Pattern Description:

The "Oh Snap! Crochet Bucket Hat" is a free, original pattern by Juli Anne of Once Upon a Cheerio, designed to create a checkered, adult-sized bucket hat.

This pattern is intended to be breathable for spring and summer weather, utilizing cotton yarn and worked from the top down in continuous rounds using the "Yarn Under Single Crochet" technique.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn
 - Juli Anne used Dishie Yarn (100% cotton):
 - Color A: Honeydew
 - Color B: Swan
 - Approx. **130 yards** of each color (total ~140 grams)

- Suggested substitutes: Hobbii Friends Cotton 8/8 or Hobbii Rainbow Cotton 8/8 (both 100% cotton)
- **Hook:**
 - **5.5 mm crochet hook**
 - Adjust if needed: use a smaller hook for a tighter fit or a larger hook for a looser fit
- **Notions:**
 - Yarn needle
 - Stitch markers
 - Scissors
- **Gauge:**
 - 10 cm x 10 cm (4" x 4") = **18 sc stitches x 17 rows**
 - Important for fit, adjust hook if the hat ripples or is too large
- **Finished Size:** Fits adult head circumference: **21-23 inches**

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

The pattern uses the following stitches and abbreviations:

- **st/sts:** stitch/stitches
- **sc:** single crochet (specifically using the yarn under method)
- **sc inc:** single crochet increase (which means 2 single crochets in one stitch)

Instructions for Making the Oh Snap! Crochet Bucket Hat Pattern:

The "Oh Snap!" bucket hat is worked top-down in continuous rounds (no slip stitches or chains) to keep the checkered pattern seamless. Use the Yarn Under Single Crochet for straighter, neater squares.

Start with a double magic ring to secure the crown and prevent it from loosening. When switching colors, carry the unused yarn inside by wrapping it with the working yarn, this avoids cutting and keeps the back tidy. Finish with an invisible fasten-off for a clean edge.

Using a 5.5 mm crochet hook with Color A yarn...

- **Round 1:** Magic Ring with a base of 10 stitches (**10 sts**).
- **Round 2:** Sc inc in each st around (**20 sts**).
- **Round 3:** [Sc, sc inc] x 10 times (**30 sts**).
- **Round 4:** [Sc, sc inc, sc] x 10 times (**40 sts**).

Change and start the round with Color B yarn...

- **Round 5:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 4 sts (40 sts)**.
- **Round 6:** [3 sc, sc inc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 5 sts (50 sts)**.
- **Round 7:** [2 sc, sc inc, 2 sc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 6 sts (60 sts)**.

- **Round 8:** [5 sc, sc inc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 7 sts (70 sts).**
- **Round 9:** [3 sc, sc inc, 3 sc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 8 sts (80 sts).**
- **Round 10:** [7 sc, sc inc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 9 sts (90 sts).**

Start the round with Color A yarn...

- **Round 11:** [4 sc, sc inc, 4 sc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 10 sts (100 sts).**
- **Round 12-16:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 10 sts (100 sts).**

Start the round with Color B yarn...

- **Round 17-22:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 10 sts (100 sts).**

Start the round with Color A yarn...

- **Round 23-28:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 10 sts (100 sts).**

Start the round with Color B yarn...

- **Round 29:** [9 sc, sc inc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 11 sts (110 sts).**
- **Round 30:** [5 sc, sc inc, 5 sc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 12 sts (120 sts).**
- **Round 31:** [11 sc, sc inc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 13 sts (130 sts).**
- **Round 32:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 13 sts (130 sts).**
- **Round 33:** [6 sc, sc inc, 6 sc] x 10 times - **alternate color every 14 sts (140 sts).**
- **Round 34:** Sc in each st around - **alternate color every 14 sts (140 sts).**
- **Round 35:** [13 sc, sc inc] x 10 sts - **alternate color every 15 sts (150 sts).**

Use Color A for the rest of the round...

- **Round 36:** Sc in each st around **(150 sts).**

Finishing:After completing Round 36, **cut and fasten off**, leaving a tail long enough to fasten off invisibly.