

# Sunray Bucket Hat



## Pattern Description:

Crochet a chic Sunray Bucket Hat with raffia cotton yarn for child to adult sizes. This top-down spiral design features textured single and half double crochet stitches, creating a lightweight yet structured hat.

Detailed instructions guide you through crown, body, and brim shaping. Perfect for sunny days, it offers stylish sun protection with a handmade touch.

## Materials & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
  - Approximately 182 (200, 220, 240) yards [166 (182, 201, 220) meters] of raffia cotton yarn
  - Recommended brand: “Rayon Crochet Raffia Yarn” (available on Amazon) - a mostly round, twine-like yarn (not flat ribbon) made from cotton and wood fiber
- **Yarn Weight:** 2 mm diameter raffia cotton yarn
- **Hook:** US F [3.75 mm] crochet hook, or size needed to meet gauge

- **Notions:**
  - 6 removable (locking) stitch markers
  - Metal tapestry needle
- **Measurements:**
  - Finished circumference (measured just above the brim):
    - Child: 19" (fits 18" head)
    - Adult Small: 21" (fits 20" head)
    - Adult Medium: 23" (fits 22" head)
    - Adult Large: 25" (fits 24" head)

## Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **SC** - Single Crochet
- **HDC** - Half Double Crochet
- **HDCBB** - Half Double Crochet through the Back Bar
- **SCBB** - Single Crochet through the Back Bar
- **Sl st** - Slip Stitch
- **YO** - Yarn Over

### Special stitches:

- **HDCBB:** YO, insert hook from top to bottom through the back bar (the horizontal dash halfway down on the wrong side of the previous round's HDC), YO, pull up a loop, YO, pull through all three loops.
- **SCBB:** Insert hook from top to bottom through the back bar, YO, pull up a loop, YO, pull through both loops.

## Instructions for Making the Sunray Bucket Hat Free Pattern:

### Before you begin:

- Work top-down in a spiral, without joining rounds.
- Use a contrasting stitch marker to track the beginning of rounds.
- Gauge: After Round 9, piece should measure 4" in diameter ( $\approx$  17 stitches & 19 rounds in 4").
- Tip: Raffia yarn can be stiff; crochet slowly, use an ergonomic hook, and take breaks.

### Crown & Body:

- **Rnd 1:** Adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop, tighten. 6 SC.
- **Rnd 2:** 2 SC in each st. 12 SC.
- **Rnd 3:** [2 SC in next st, SC in next] around. 18 SC.
- **Rnd 4:** [SC in next 2, 2 SC in next] around. 24 SC.
- **Rnd 5:** [SC in next, 2 SC in next, SC in next 2] around. 30 SC.

- **Rnd 6:** [SC in next 4, 2 SC in next] around. 36 SC.
- **Rnd 7:** [SC in next 2, 2 SC in next, SC in next 3] around. 42 SC.
- **Rnd 8:** Place stitch marker at first stitch of each repeat. [SC in next 6, 2 SC in next] around. 48 SC.
- **Rnds 9-11 (child); 9-12 (adult S); 9-13 (adult M); 9-14 (adult L):** SC around, making one increase (2 SC in same stitch) between each set of markers. Avoid placing increases near previous ones. End with 66 (72, 78, 84) SC.
- **Next rnd (12/13/14/15):** Remove all but first & fourth markers. SC around, making one increase between markers. 68 (74, 80, 86) SC.
- **Next rnd (13/14/15/16):** SC around.
- **Repeat last two rounds** 6 (7, 8, 9) more times: end with 80 (88, 96, 104) SC after Round 25 (28, 31, 34).

### **Brim:**

- **Rnd 26 (29, 32, 35):** Place stitch marker in each new increase. Use contrasting marker to track round start.
  - 2 HDC in next st, HDC in next 26 (28, 31, 34) sts
  - 2 HDC in next st, HDC in next 25 (29, 31, 33) sts
  - 2 HDC in next st, HDC in next 26 (28, 31, 34) sts = 83 (91, 99, 107) HDC
- **Rnds 27-32 (30-36, 33-39, 36-43):** HDCBB around, increasing once between each set of markers. End with 101 (112, 120, 131) HDCBB.
- **Final rnd (33/37/40/44):** SCBB around. Sl st to first stitch to finish.

### **Finishing:**

Weave in ends neatly. Block with steam or a warm iron (can touch the raffia briefly). **Do not soak**; raffia may lose shape or fall apart. If substituting a different yarn, test your blocking method on a swatch first.