

Free Bex Crochet Hat Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Bex Hat is a stylish crochet beanie with a knit-look texture created using slip stitches worked in back loops and short rows.

Crocheted flat and seamed, it features a stretchy brim and slouchy fit. The hat is modern, cozy, and beginner-friendly, making it a versatile winter accessory.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Caron Simply Soft (or similar acrylic)
- **Yarn Weight:** Worsted, #4 medium
- **Hook:** 5 mm (H/8) crochet hook
- **Notions:** Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers (optional), pom-pom (optional)
- **Measurements:** Adult size - approx. 21-23" head circumference, adjustable fit

Abbreviations Used:

- **ch** - chain
- **sl st** - slip stitch
- **blo** - back loop only
- **hdc** - half double crochet
- **hdc2tog** - half double crochet two together

Instructions for Making the Bex Crochet Hat Pattern:

Foundation Chain

- Ch 51 (or adjust for desired height; includes brim).
- The first 10 chains form the **brim ribbing**, and the rest form the body of the hat.

Work the Brim Ribbing

- **Row 1 (RS):** Sl st blo in each ch across the first 10 sts. Then hdc across the remaining sts of the row. Turn.
- This combination creates a stretchy brim followed by a smoother fabric for the body.

Establish Short Rows for Crown Shaping

The hat's unique knit look comes from **short rows** worked into the body section.

- **Row 2 (WS):** Ch 1, sl st blo in first 10 sts (brim). Sl st blo into next 30 sts only, leaving remaining sts unworked. Turn.
- **Row 3 (RS):** Ch 1, sl st blo in 30 sts worked previously, then sl st blo across brim stitches. Turn.

These short rows reduce the stitch count at crown level, creating natural shaping.

Continue Short Row Repeats

- **Row 4 (WS):** Ch 1, sl st blo in brim sts (10), sl st blo in next 25 sts. Turn.
- **Row 5 (RS):** Ch 1, sl st blo back across 25 sts, then brim. Turn.
- **Row 6 (WS):** Ch 1, work brim, then sl st blo in 20 sts. Turn.
- **Row 7 (RS):** Work back across those 20 sts, then brim.

Each short row reduces crown stitches by 5, giving a tapered shape.

Repeat Sequence

Keep repeating the **short row decrease pattern**:

- Brim ribbing (10 sts), then progressively fewer sl st blo for the crown (30 → 25 → 20 → 15 → 10).
- After reaching 10 crown sts, return to full 40 sts across to reset the row sequence.

This creates a wedge-like fabric. Repeat wedges until piece measures approx. **21–23" in width** (to wrap around head).

Form the Tube

- After reaching desired width, fasten off with a long tail.
- Fold the rectangle so brim edges align.
- Using yarn needle, whipstitch or mattress stitch edges together to form a tube.

Close the Crown

- With yarn needle and tail, weave through top crown edge.
- Pull yarn tightly to cinch closed. Secure firmly with a knot.
- Weave in all loose ends neatly.

Optional Finishing Touches

- Attach a pom-pom at crown if desired.
- Fold brim upward for extra warmth and style.
- Lightly block hat to smooth stitches if needed.

Helpful Tips

- Keep slip stitches **loose** to maintain elasticity. Tight tension can make hat stiff.
- Stitch markers may help track short row turning points.
- For different sizes, adjust starting chain length (height) or repeat more wedges (width).

Final Notes

The **Bex Crochet Hat** offers a classic knit-look ribbing using only crochet techniques. Its **stretchy brim, tapered crown, and slouchy silhouette** make it stylish and functional. Perfect for beginners learning short rows and for advanced crocheters who enjoy texture-rich projects.

Enjoy your warm, handmade hat!