

Free Chunky Ribbed Slouch Hat Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a cozy, slouchy hat with a bold ribbed texture, perfect for chilly days or casual wear. This beginner-friendly pattern uses bulky yarn and a large hook to create a stretchy, comfortable fit for most adult head sizes.

This is a quick, stylish project featuring front and back post double crochet stitches, making it ideal for handmade gifts or personal use.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Bulky weight yarn
- **Yarn Weight:** Bulky (approx. 5-6 oz / 140-170 g)
- **Hook:** Size N/P-15 (10 mm)
- **Notions:** Scissors, yarn needle, stitch marker (optional)
- **Measurements:** Fits most adult head sizes, slouchy style

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- Chain (CH)
- Slip Stitch (SLST)
- Half Double Crochet (HDC)

- Front Post Double Crochet (FPDC)
- Back Post Double Crochet (BPDC)

Instructions for Making the Chunky Ribbed Slouch Hat Pattern:

Foundation Chain

- Begin with a **slip knot** on your hook.
- **CH 41** (or adjust for your head size, keeping a multiple of 4 plus 1).
- Turn, working on the **RS**.
- **Row 1 (RS)**
 - **SLST** in the second chain from the hook.
 - **SLST** in the next 4 chains.
 - **HDC** in the next 3 chains.
 - Repeat the following sequence across the row: **SLST 3, HDC 3** until 1 chain remains.
 - **HDC** in the last chain.
 - Turn.
- **Row 2 (WS)**
 - **CH 1** (does not count as a stitch).
 - **SLST** in the first stitch.
 - **HDC** in the next 3 stitches.
 - Continue alternating **SLST 3, HDC 3** across the row.
 - End with **HDC** in the last stitch.
 - Turn.
- **Row 3-5 (RS/WS)**
 - Repeat Row 2 pattern.
 - Maintain the **ribbed texture** by keeping SLST sections aligned and HDC sections aligned across rows.
 - Optional: Place a **stitch marker** at the beginning of each row to track row count.

Beginning Ribbing with Post Stitches

- **Row 6 (RS):** Begin ribbing using **FPDC** and **BPDC**.
 - **FPDC:** Yarn over, insert hook around post of the stitch below from front to back, complete double crochet.
 - **BPDC:** Yarn over, insert hook around post of the stitch below from back to front, complete double crochet.
- Alternate **FPDC 3, BPDC 3** across the row.
- Turn.

Row 7-12

- Continue alternating **FPDC 3, BPDC 3** to maintain a defined ribbed texture.

- Check width occasionally to ensure evenness.
- Adjust stitch tension if necessary to avoid curling.

Shaping the Crown

- Begin decreasing to form the top of the hat.
- **Decrease Pattern:**
 - Every **RS row**, work **FPDC 2 together** at the end of each FPDC section, and **BPDC 2 together** at the end of each BPDC section.
 - Continue the alternating sequence across the row.
- **Repeat decreasing rows** every RS row until the diameter at the crown is approximately 2-3 inches (5-7.5 cm).

Finishing

- Cut yarn leaving a long tail (~12 inches / 30 cm).
- Use a yarn needle to weave the tail through remaining stitches.
- Pull tight to close the top of the hat.
- Secure and weave in ends.
- Optional: Block the hat lightly to shape the ribbing and enhance slouch.

Tips for Success

- **Adjust Length:** For a longer slouch, add extra rows before starting crown decreases.
- **Texture Variation:** Experiment with alternating FPDC and BPDC sequences to make the ribs tighter or looser.
- **Yarn Choice:** A soft, bulky acrylic or wool blend works best for warmth and stretch.
- **Check Fit:** Try the hat on as you go to ensure comfortable sizing.

This pattern produces a warm, slouchy hat with bold ribbed texture and minimal sewing, perfect for beginners and quick projects.

The combination of **FPDC and BPDC** creates deep ridges, giving the hat structure while remaining stretchy.