

The Rocky Shore Hat Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

The Rocky Shore Hat is an **easy and beginner-friendly crochet pattern** that utilizes familiar stitches.

Its design features subtle waves, reminiscent of a shoreline, while the recommended grey yarn evokes the appearance of rocks, inspiring the hat's name. The pattern is designed to be **soft and cozy**, suitable for those sensitive to scratchy wool.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - The sample was made using **KnitPicks Gloss DK** (70% Merino Wool, 30% Silk).
 - Each skein contains 123 yards/50 grams.
 - Quantity needed: **2 skeins for Toddler/Child sizes, 3 skeins for Adult size.**
- **Yarn Weight: DK weight yarn.**
- **Hook: G/4mm & H/5mm.**
- **Notions:**
 - **Darning needle** to weave in ends.
 - **Large pompom** (optional).
- **Measurements:**
 - **Head Circumference Sizes:**
 - **Toddler: 18-19 inches**

- Child: **20-21 inches**
- Adult: **22-23 inches**
- Gauge: **10 single crochet (sc) & 10 rows in 2 inches** (measured in the band).

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Ch** - Chain(s)
- **St(s)** - Stitch(es)
- **Sk** Skip Stitch
- **Slst** - Slip Stitch
- **Sc** - Single Crochet
- **Dc** - Double Crochet
- **Tr** - Treble Crochet
- **Blo** - Back Loop Only
- **Flo** - Front Loop Only
- **Slst2tog** - Slip Stitch Two Together
- **Sc2tog** - Single Crochet Two Together

Instructions for Making the The Rocky Shore Hat Pattern:

General Notes for the Pattern

Before beginning, please note the following instructions to ensure successful construction of your hat:

- The **Ch** at the beginning of each round **does NOT count as a St**. Always crochet into the first St (joining St) of the round.
- Always **join to the first St of the round, NOT the Ch**.
- Count St(s) after each round to **make sure the hat doesn't expand**.
- Work **Slst** loosely, ensuring you have nice, even rows and St(s).

Band Instructions

The band is worked first, forming the base of the hat.

- **Ch 6, 8, 10** (for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively).
- **Row 1: Sc in second Ch** from hook and in each Ch throughout. **Turn**. You should have (5, 7, 9 St(s)).
- **Row 2: Ch1, Sc in first St**, Sc in **Blo** of next (3, 5, 7) St(s), Sc in last St. **Turn**.
- **Repeat Row 2** until you have a total of **(84, 96, 108 rows)** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively.
- **Joining the Band:** Fold the band in half so that the last worked row meets the beginning Ch. **Join by Slst through each St of the beginning Ch and Blo of the last row**.

Body of the Hat

After joining the band, you will switch to a larger hook and begin the body of the hat, working into the sides of the band rows.

- **Switch to a 5mm hook.**
- **Round 1: Ch1, Sc into each row of the band. Join, Turn.** You should have (84, 96, 108 St(s)).
- **Round 2: Ch1, Slst into Flo of each St. Join, Turn.**
- **Round 3: Ch1, Sc into Blo of each St. Join, Turn.**
- **Round 4: Ch1, Slst into Flo of each St. Join, Turn.**
- **Round 5: Ch3, then work the following sequence: (Tr Blo 2, Dc Blo 2, Hdc Blo 4, Dc Blo 2, Tr Blo 2). Repeat this sequence (6, 7, 8) more times for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. Join, Turn.**
- **Round 6: Repeat Round 2.**
- **Round 7: Repeat Round 3.**
- **Round 8: Repeat Round 4.**
- **Round 9: Ch1, then work the following sequence: (Hdc Blo 2, Dc Blo 2, Tr Blo 4, Dc Blo 2, Hdc Blo 2). Repeat this sequence (6, 7, 8) more times for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. Join, Turn.**
 - **Repeat the Body Rounds:**
- For **Toddler** size: Repeat Rounds 2-9 two more times, then repeat Rounds 2-5 one more time.
- For **Child/Adult** sizes: Repeat Rounds 2-9 three more times.

Decrease Section

The decrease section shapes the top of the hat.

- **Round 1: Ch1, (Slst Flo in next 4 St(s), Slst2tog Flo).** Repeat this sequence **14, 16, 18 times** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. **Join, Turn.** You should have (70, 80, 90 St(s)).
- **Round 2: Ch1, (Sc Blo in next 3 St(s), Sc2tog Blo).** Repeat this sequence **14, 16, 18 times** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. **Join, Turn.** You should have (56, 64, 72 St(s)).
- **Round 3: Ch1, (Slst Flo in next 2 St(s), Slst2tog Flo).** Repeat this sequence **14, 16, 18 times** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. **Join, Turn.** You should have (42, 48, 54 St(s)).
- **Round 4: Ch1, (Sc Blo in next St, Sc2tog Blo).** Repeat this sequence **14, 16, 18 times** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. **Join, Turn.** You should have (28, 32, 36 St(s)).
- **Round 5: Ch1, (Slst2tog Flo).** Repeat this sequence **14, 16, 18 times** for Toddler, Child, Adult sizes respectively. **Join.** You should have (14, 16, 18 St(s)).

Finishing

Complete your hat with these final steps.

- **Cut yarn, leaving a long tail.**
- **Weave the tail back and forth through the remaining St(s) and pull the hole closed.**
- **Secure and weave in all ends.**
- **Attach a large pompom** if desired.

Congratulations, your "Rocky Shore Hat" is now complete!