

MATERIALS

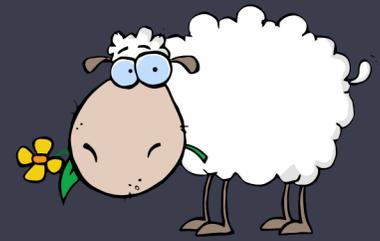
- 1 (5.5mm) crochet hook or whatever you prefer to use with worsted weight yarn
- 3-4 colors of worsted weight yarn
- Stitch Marker
- Scissors/Snips
- Tape measure
- Tapestry needle
- Hat sizing chart

NOTE: I prefer to do this hat in continuous rounds (no joining). Place the marker at the beginning of each round and when you return to it, your round is completed!

Abbreviations (U.S. Terms)

CH	Chain Stitch
SL ST	Slip Stitch
SC	Single Crochet
HDC	Half Double Crochet

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Spiked Mesh Stitch Hat

Instructions:

Begin Increase Rounds:

To determine how many increase rounds to do, 1) decide on the size you want 2) refer to the chart at the end of this pattern 3) measure your flat circle diameter and stop increase rounds when the desired measurement is reached.



Round 1: With Main Color, Magic Loop or method of your choice, CH 2, 8 HDC in circle. (8sts) **Place a marker in the first HDC of this round.**

Round 2: *2 HDC in each stitch* (16sts) **Remember to replace marker in the first stitch of the round.**

Round 3: *2HDC in the first st; 1HDC in the next.* (24sts) Replace marker.

Round 4: *2HDC in the first st; 1 HDC in the next 2 stitches* (32sts) Replace marker.

Round 5: *2HDC in the first st; 1 HDC in the next 3 stitches* (40sts) Replace marker.

Round 6: *2HDC in the first st; 1 HDC in the next 4 stitches* (48sts) Replace marker.

Round 7: *2HDC in the first st; 1 HDC in the next 5 stitches* (56sts) Replace marker.

Round 8: *2HDC in the first st; 1 HDC in the next 6 stitches* (64sts) Replace marker.

(For me, Round 8 makes a child-woman (adult small sized) hat. Refer to a hat sizing chart, measure the Flat Circle Diameter and adjust number of increase rounds for the desired hat size.)

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Non-Increase Rounds: (For Rows 8-14 in Sample Hat) HDC in each st around.

Begin the Spiked Mesh Stitch Pattern*:

Round 1: Work 1 more HDC BUT *finish with a new color of yarn!* (Just drop the main color of yarn. No need to cut it!) *HDC, chain 1, skip a stitch.* Repeat around and *finish your last HDC with a new color of yarn!*



Remember, we have no seam to deal with so we can begin our new color “early.” (Just drop the main color of yarn. No need to cut it!)

Round 2: *Chain 1, skip a stitch, HDC into the stitch in the row below (aka “spike”)* Repeat around until you have 1 stitch left and *finish your last HDC Spike with a new color of yarn!* (Just drop the main color of yarn. No need to cut it!)

Next Rounds: Repeat Round 2 with the colors of your choice until the Spiked Mesh band is as long as you’d like. Be sure to reference a sizing chart for the proper hat height for the size you’ve chosen.

Optional Edging: *Chain 1, HDC Spike into the row below, SC.* Repeat around. (The single crochet stitches will “fill in” the mesh pattern so there will be no holes.)

Finish off and weave in ends.



*If you need help with this technique, see this video: <https://youtu.be/l4UP8nJkXa4>

Age	Head Size	Hat Size	Hat Weight	Flat Circle Diameter
0-6 months	13 - 15 inches	12-14 inches	4.5-5 inches	4 inches
6-12 months	14 - 16 inches	14 - 16 inches	5.5 inches	4.5 inches
1-3 years	16 - 18 inches	17 - 20 inches	6.5 inches	5.5 inches
4+ years	20 - 22 inches	19 - 22 inches	7.5 inches	6 inches
Women	22 inches	20 inches	8.5 inches	6.5 inches
Men	23 inches	21 inches	9.5 inches	6.75 inches

If you need a hat sizing chart, download from:

<https://sheepishlysharing.files.wordpress.com/2017/01/hat-sizing-chart.pdf>

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