Modified Bead Stitch Beanie

AKA “Free Fudge Beanie!”

Supplies

- Yarn of your choice
- Hook of your choice
- Tape measure, scissors, yarn needle, stitch marker (optional)

Abbreviations

- CH - Chain Stitch
- SL ST - Slip Stitch
- SC - Single Crochet
- HDC - Half Double Crochet
- HDC2TOG - Half Double Crochet 2 Together
- BLO - Back Loop Only
- YO - Yarn Over

Instructions: All Sizes

Decide on a hat band size.
(Measure head circumference or refer to a hat sizing chart. Remember that hat bands are usually a couple inches shorter than the head circumference to ensure a snug fit.)

Round 1: CH 7; SC in BLO in 2nd CH from hook and in each stitch to the end; CH 1; turn (6 SC)

Round 2 until end of hatband: Repeat *SC in BLO; CH 1; turn* until the strip reaches the desired length. Be sure to end on a row where the beginning yarn tail and the working yarn are on the same side.

Join hatband ends: Fold hatband so that ends align. SL ST ends together. (See video for demonstration if you need help.) DO NOT CUT the yarn!

Set Up Round: CH 1 (does not count as a stitch); HDC in the same stitch as the CH 1 then in every end-stitch of the hat band. (Number of stitches will equal number of SC rows.) Join to the top of the first HDC.

Count Your Stitches: _______  

Bead Stitch Round: (See video demo if you need help.)
Starting Bead Stitch is a CH 2; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; *Skip a stitch; HDC; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; YO- wrap hook around to back of chain and pick up a stitch; and repeat until end of round.* Join with SL ST to top of CH 2.

Repeat Set Up Round and Bead Stitch Round until approximately 3 inches from desired height then begin Decrease Rounds.

Decrease Set 1: (On a Set Up Row) CH 1 (does not count as a stitch); HDC in the same stitch as the CH 1; 1 HDC, HDC2TOG; *2 HDC, HDC2TOG* Bead at the end if stitch count is off a bit! Join with a SL ST to the top of first HDC. Bead Stitch Round as usual.
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Decrease Set 2: (On a Set Up Row) CH 1 (does not count as a stitch); HDC in the same stitch as the CH 1; HDC2TOG; *1 HDC, HDC2TOG* Fudge at the end if stitch count is off a bit! Join with a SL ST to the top of first HDC. Bead Stitch Round as usual.

Decrease Set 3: (On a Set Up Row) CH 1 (does not count as a stitch); HDC2TOG remembering to start in the same stitch as the CH 1; *HDC2TOG* Fudge at the end if stitch count is off a bit! Join with a SL ST to the top of first HDC. Bead Stitch Round as usual.

Decrease Set 4: Repeat Set 3. Assess the situation! Repeat Set 3 again if you need to close the top more.

Finish Off: Once you’re happy with the top, cut the yarn, thread needle, gather remaining stitches together and draw opening closed. Secure the tail and trim. Sew in all ends. Add a pom or tassel if desired. Finished!

👩‍双边 ả Hatband Tip: Measure your “stretch” before seaming ends together. Yarn type and gauge affect stretch!

👩‍双边 ả For Sloppy Hats: add 2-3 inches to hat height OR MORE depending on preference.

💕 Remember: There are NO RULES in crochet! 💕

Hat Sizing Chart

(Note: Flat Circle Diameter is for top-down crochet construction)

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