



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* 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 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!

✦ **HATBAND TIP:** Measure your "stretch" before seaming ends together. Yarn type and gauge affect stretch!

✦ **FOR SLOUCHY 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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Age	Head Size	Hat Size	Hat Height	Flat Circle Diameter
0-6 months	13 – 15 inches	12 -14 inches	4.5 – 5 inches	4 inches
6-12 months	16 – 19 inches	14 – 18 inches	5.5 inches	4.5 inches
1 – 3 Years	18 – 21 inches	17 – 20 inches	6.5 inches	5.5 inches
4+ years	20 – 22 inches	19 – 21 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