

Crochet Santa Hat Pattern

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~2-3 hours | One size (adult 53-58 cm)

Materials

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in red, approx. 120 g / 230 m
- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn in white, approx. 60 g / 110 m
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 2 stitch markers
- Cardboard piece ~10 cm wide (for the pom pom)

Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- dc2tog = double crochet 2 together (decrease)
- sl st = slip stitch
- BLO = back loop only
- st(s) = stitch(es)

Step 1: Crochet the White Ribbed Brim



- With white yarn, chain 12.
- Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. [11]
- Rows 2-60: Ch 1, turn, sc in the BLO of each st across. [11]
- Slip stitch the two short ends together to form a ring - do not twist.

Step 2: Work the Red Hat Body



- Join red yarn at the top edge of the brim ring.
- Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 1 sc evenly around the top edge (~60 sts). Join with sl st. [60]
- Rnds 2-8: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st around. Join. (7 rounds) [60]

Step 3: Shape the Tapering Crown



- Rnd 9: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 8 sts) 6 times. Join. [54]
- Rnd 10: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [54]
- Rnd 11: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts) 6 times. Join. [48]
- Rnd 12: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [48]
- Rnd 13: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts) 6 times. Join. [42]
- Rnd 14: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [42]
- Rnd 15: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts) 6 times. Join. [36]
- Rnd 16: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [36]
- Rnd 17: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts) 6 times. Join. [30]
- Rnd 18: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [30]
- Rnd 19: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts) 6 times. Join. [24]
- Rnd 20: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. [24]

Step 4: Crochet the Floppy Tip



- Rnd 21: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts) 6 times. Join. [18]
- Rnds 22-28: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. (7 rounds) [18]
- Rnd 29: Ch 3, (dc2tog, dc in next st) 6 times. Join. [12]
- Rnds 30-32: Ch 3, dc in each st around. Join. (3 rounds) [12]
- Rnd 33: Ch 2, dc2tog around. Join. [6]
- Rnd 34: Dc in each st around. [6]
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for the pom pom.

Step 5: Add the Fluffy Pom Pom



- Wrap white yarn about 120 times around the cardboard.
- Tie tightly in the middle with a 30 cm strand, then cut the loops.
- Trim into a full sphere, about 8 cm across.
- Sew the pom pom to the hat tip with the long tail, weaving through its center several times. Tug to secure.

Step 6: Finish and Wear



- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- Fold the brim once for the classic cuffed look, or leave it long.
- Fluff the pom pom - your Santa hat is done!

Tips

- Try the brim around your head before joining - the rib should stretch slightly, never tight.
- Work one decrease round, then one even round: rushing the taper makes an elf hat, not a Santa hat.
- Wrap at least 120 times and trim patiently for a perfect pom pom sphere.