Crochet Bonnet

Free Step-by-Step Tutorial



Beginner-friendly | ~2 hours | Adult size, about 56 cm around

Materials

- Dusty rose worsted/aran (#4) yarn, approx. 100 g (main colour)
- Cream worsted yarn, small amount, approx. 30 g (scalloped edge and pom poms)
- 4.5 mm (US 7) crochet hook
- Stitch markers (at least 2)
- Yarn needle, scissors and sewing pins
- Small pom pom maker, or a piece of cardboard about 3 cm wide

Abbreviations

- MR = magic ring
- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- inc = increase (2 sc in one st)
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- FO = fasten off

Step 1: The Crown Circle



- With dusty rose yarn, make a magic ring.
- Rnd 1: 8 sc into the ring. Pull tight and join with a sl st. [8]
- Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. [16]
- Rnd 3: (Sc, inc) x8. [24]
- Rnd 4: (Sc 2, inc) x8. [32]
- Rnd 5: (Sc 3, inc) x8. [40]
- Rnd 6: (Sc 4, inc) x8. [48]
- Rnd 7: (Sc 5, inc) x8. [56]
- Place a stitch marker in the first st of each round and move it up as you go.
- Lay the circle flat - it should measure about 15 cm (6 in) across.

Step 2: Shaping the Rounded Cup



- Stop increasing and work in a continuous spiral.
- Rnds 8-14: Sc in each st around. [56]
- Seven even rounds give a cup about 9 cm (3 1/2 in) deep.
- The stitch count never changes in this step.
- Try the cup against the back of your head as you go - it should sit comfortably over the crown.
- If the cup feels shallow, add one more even round; if too deep, leave one out.

Step 3: Opening the Face



- Mark the 12 sts at the front of the bonnet - the face opening.
- Work back and forth across the remaining 44 sts.
- Rows 1-6: Ch 1, turn, sc in each of the next 44 sts. [44]
- Six rows add about 7 cm (2 3/4 in) of depth at the sides and back.
- Keep your turning chains loose so the row edges stay straight.
- When Row 6 is done, FO and turn the work so the face opening faces you.

Step 4: The Cream Scalloped Edge



- Join cream yarn with a sl st at one bottom corner of the opening.
- Edging: (Skip 1 st, 5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st in next st) - repeat around the face opening.
- The opening edge has 24 sts, so the shell pattern repeats exactly 6 times. [6 shells]
- Work the shells loosely so they fan out into soft scallops.
- When you reach the second bottom corner, sl st, FO and weave in the cream ends.

Step 5: The Chin Ties and Pom Poms



- Tie (make 2): Join dusty rose yarn at a bottom corner of the bonnet.
- Ch 45, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [44]
- Sl st into the bonnet corner to anchor the tie, then FO.
- Make two small cream pom poms, about 3 cm (1 1/4 in) across.
- Sew one pom pom firmly to the end of each tie.
- Knot the yarn through the pom pom twice so it cannot pull off in the wash.

Step 6: Finishing Your Crochet Bonnet



- Weave in every yarn end with the yarn needle.
- Work the tails through the backs of several stitches so they cannot work loose.
- Give the bonnet a light steam or a gentle block over a bowl to even out the stitches and open up the scallops.
- Optional: sew a small wooden button or a tiny crochet flower at one side.
- Tie the two pom pom ties in a soft bow under the chin.
- Your crochet bonnet is ready to wear!

Tips

- Measure the crown circle flat before you move on - it should be about 15 cm (6 in) across.
- Try the bonnet on before the scalloped edge: the opening should frame the face without covering the eyebrows.
- Make both ties the same length - count the chains out loud, 45 chains each.