



Crochet Birthday Party Hats

with YouTube Help Video

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I made these hats for my children 5 years ago, but never got around to writing the pattern. In celebration of my upcoming birthday, figure I'd finally write the pattern. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <http://youtube.com/naztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <http://naztazia.com>

Materials:

Red Heart Super Saver Yarn (364 yds/333 m per skein, medium weight yarn). 1 skein in White. For the pink hat, 1 skein of Perfect Pink. For the blue hat, 1 skein of Turqua.

Size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook, or size necessary to obtain gauge.

Yarn needle. Scissors. Tape measure.

Optional pom-pom maker, buttons, or craft felt. For crochet circles: J&J Coats embroidery floss – 1 skein in hot pink, yellow, turquoise, orange, purple, green. Size D (3.25 mm) crochet hook.

Size/Gauge

Size: 19"-21" head circumference (3 year old to young adult). Guidance on altering pattern for others at the end. Gauge: 14 SC x 12 rows = 4"

Terminology:

BLO = Back loops only	CH = Chain	RPT = Repeat	SC = Single Crochet
SLST = Slip Stitch	ST = Stitch		

Instructions:

Be sure to check out the YouTube tutorial: <http://youtube.com/naztazia>

Pink/White Hat

Make 2 pieces (a front piece & back piece). With white yarn, slipknot. CH 29.

Row 1: In 2nd CH from hook, SC. SC across. Total = 28 SC.

Row 2: In BLO, SC across. Total = 28 SC. Measure width; should be 8"/20.3 cm. Adjust if necessary by using a different hook or adding/subtracting from the starting CH.

Rows 3-24: SC across, BLO. Total = 28. These 24 rows should be able to stretch to 10"/25.4 cm. If not add/subtract rows. Cut yarn, leaving 24" tail end for sewing seam.

Place both pieces together so that the 24 rows stretch from right to left (the 28 SCs will be vertical - up and down). One long tail end will be on the right; the other on the left. Sew right seam and half way across the top together. Sew left seam and half way across the top together. Weave in all ends. Attach pink yarn to brim of hat and single crochet -or- reverse single crochet around. Cut and weave in ends. Make 2 pom-poms with pink yarn. Attach to hat. Sew either colorful buttons or colorful felt circles to hat. You can also crochet circles.

Crochet circle:

With embroidery floss and a size D (3.25mm) hook, leave a 12" tail and make a magic/adjustable ring. CH 1.

RND 1: 6 SC in ring. SLST to 1st SC. Tighten/close ring. CH 1. Total = 6 SC.

RND 2: 2 SC in each ST. SLST to 1st SC. CH 1. Total = 12 SC.

RND 3: 2 SC in 1st ST. 1 SC in next ST. RPT [2 SC, 1 SC] around. SLST to 1st SC. CH 1. Total = 18 SC.

RND 4: 2 SC in 1st ST. 1 SC in next 2 STs. RPT [2 SC, 1 SC, 1 SC] around. SLST to 1st SC. CH 1. Total = 24 SC. Cut thread, leaving a 12" tail. Weave in this tail end towards the center of circle. Use the beginning and ending tail ends to tie and knot to hat or sew circle to hat.

Blue/White Hat

Make 1 piece. With white yarn, slipknot. CH 29.

Row 1: In 2nd CH from hook, SC. SC across. Total = 28 SC.

Row 2: SC across, in BLO. Total = 28. Measure width; should be 8"/20.3 cm. Adjust if necessary by using a different hook or adding/subtracting from the starting CH.

Rows 3-40: SC across, BLO. Total = 28. These 40 rows should be able to stretch to 20"/50.8 cm. If not add/subtract rows. Cut, leaving 24" tail end for sewing seam.

Place the piece so that the 40 rows stretch from right to left (the 28 SCs will be vertical - up and down). Fold hat in half and sew shorter edges together. Using same yarn, weave in and out to sew top of hat closed. Weave in all ends. Attach blue yarn to brim of hat and single crochet -or- reverse single crochet around. Cut and weave in ends. Make 1 pom-pom with blue yarn. Attach to hat. Sew either colorful buttons or colorful felt circles to hat. You can also crochet circles.

(*Crochet circle* pattern above in Pink/White hat)

Alterations:

Young Children: Alter your initial starting CH so your SC row measures 7"/17.8 cm. For the pink hat, reduce rows to stretch to 9"/22.9 cm across. For the blue hat, reduce the rows to stretch to 18"/45.7 cm. Crochet circles or felt circles are a safer alternative to buttons as decorations.

Adults: Alter your initial starting CH so your SC row measures (female/male) 9"-10"/22.9-25.4 cm. For the pink hat, increase so rows stretch to 11"/27.9. For the blue hat, increase the rows to stretch to 22"/55.9 cm.