



Soft Twist Slouchy Hat

with YouTube Help Video

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Here's a new twist on a slouchy hat – a soft one, with some pom poms in the back. Lots of fun, cute, and easy to make. 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:

160 yards soft worsted weight yarn. Sample used 1 skein Red Heart Boutique Gleam (169 yds/154 m per skein) in color Creamy.

Size H (5 mm) crochet hook.

Yarn needle, Scissors, Soft Tape Measure, Stitch marker (paper clip), Pom pom maker

Size/Gauge

Finished sample (lying flat, before the tie): Height = 8" (20.3 cm) Width = 10" (25.4 cm). My own hat, shown in the photo, easily fit my 10-year old daughter too. However you can adjust the size of this hat by starting with more or less chains in the beginning, as well as making more or less rows. Gauge: 12 HDC = 4" (10 cm); 9 rows = 4" (10 cm)

Terminology:

CH = Chain HDC = Half-Double Crochet ST = Stitch

HDC2TOG = Half Double Crochet 2 Together

Instructions:

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

Notes: Hat is worked in a parallelogram shape (basically a long, slanted rectangle) - and then sewn together to form a tube. A chain with optional pom-poms then gathers the top section closed.

Here is the key to getting this pattern correct:

- 1) Use a paperclip (or safety pin) to mark the side opposite the beginning tail end.
- 2) Any row starting or ending on the side with the paperclip will receive 1 extra HDC.
- 3) Any row starting or ending on the side with the beginning tail end will decrease 1 HDC.
- 4) It is important to count (this one you really have to!) All rows will have 30 HDCs on them.

Hat base:

Slipknot. Loosely CH 31. If you cannot CH loosely, use a Size K hook to make the CH, and then use the Size H for the rest of the pattern. Mark this last CH with a paperclip. Feel free to alter this beginning CH # to accommodate a larger or smaller head.

Row 1: 2 HDC in 2nd CH from hook. Mark ST with paper clip. (Note – this is the paper clip side). 1 HDC in each CH across, leaving last 2 CHs unworked. HDC2TOG in last 2 CHs (Note - beginning tail side). CH 1. Turn work.

Row 2: HDC2TOG in first 2 ST (beginning tail side). 1 HDC in each CH across, leaving last CH unworked. 2 HDC in last CH (paper clip side). CH 1. Turn work.

Row 3: 2 HDC in first ST (paper clip side). 1 HDC in each CH across, leaving last 2 CH unworked. HDC2TOG in last 2 CHs (beginning tail side). CH 1. Turn work.

Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until you have a total of 36 rows. Feel free to add or decrease this #.

Leaving about a 24" tail, cut yarn, pull through loop to finish, and thread yarn needle. Sew first and last row together. Cut and weave in all ends.

Finishing:

With 2 strands of yarn held together and leaving an 18" beginning tail (for tying on pom-poms or tassels) - For an older child, teen, or adult hat: CH 130, or longer. Cut, leaving an 18" tail (for tying on pom-poms or tassels). For a younger child or someone who might accidentally choke on a long string, CH 40, or shorter. Cut the tail ends short if no attachments. Using this chain, weave along one end of the hat. Pull tight to close. Knot and/or tie into a bow. Attach pom-poms on ends if desired by tying and knotting them with the tail ends.