



# Star Stitch Hat (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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Here's a lovely textured crochet hat that uses the star stitch. The entire hat is constructed using the side-to-side method. Both the folded-over ribbing and the top section of the hat are made at the same time. One end of the work contains the half double crochet ribbing while the other end contains the star stitch. The ribbing looks like a knitted ribbing due to alternating the front and back loops of the HDCs. A faux fur pompom is sewn on top for decoration. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: <https://youtube.com/naztazia> And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: <https://naztazia.com>

## Terminology:

CH = Chain	HDC = Half Double Crochet	LP = Loop
RPT = Repeat	SLST = Slip Stitch	SK = Skip/Miss
ST= Stitch	YO = Yarn Over	

## Size/Gauge:

Women, Child, Men	7 STARS & 8 ROWs = 4" SQ
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## Materials:

1 skein Red Heart Heat Wave yarn. Sample used Passport. Size H – 5 mm crochet hook. Scissors, yarn needle. Paper clip for stitch marker. Optional faux fur pompom for the top.

## Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: <https://youtube.com/naztazia> Look for "Star Stitch Hat."

This pattern is written for an average women's head circumference of 22". Changes for other sizes are listed on the last page.

CH 41.

**ROW 1:** SK the 1<sup>st</sup> CH and make 1 HDC in the next 12 CHs, using the back LPs of the CH. Mark this 12<sup>th</sup> ST with a paper clip.

Begin first star stitch: insert hook under upper side LP of the marked HDC, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook under lower side LP of HDC, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in base of HDC, YO, draw up LP. [Insert hook in next CH, draw up LP] twice. YO, and pull through all 6 LPs on hook. CH 1.

Begin next and all other star stitches on this row: insert hook in space created by the CH-1, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in side of previous ST, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in base of ST, YO, draw up LP. [Insert hook in next CH, draw up LP] twice. YO, and pull through all 6 LPs on hook. CH 1.

Continue with the star stitch on this row. At the end (after the last CH-1) CH 1, and turn.

**ROW 2:** RPT [HDC in the star's CH-1 space. HDC at the top of the star stitch] across the row, ending before marked ST. Total = 28 HDCs. In the next 12 STs, HDC in back LPs, marking the first HDC (which is the 12<sup>th</sup> stitch inwards). CH 1, turn.

It's probably a good time to measure the hat before proceeding. The row should be around 12-12.5 inches across. If the work is smaller than this, start over and use a larger crochet hook. If the work is too large, use a smaller crochet hook.

**ROW 3:** HDC in the very front "third loop" of the previous ST for the next 12 STs. Mark the 12<sup>th</sup> ST.

Begin first star stitch: insert hook under upper side LP of the marked HDC, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook under lower side LP of HDC, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in base of HDC, YO, draw up LP. [Insert hook in next ST (under both LPs), draw up LP] twice. YO, and pull through all 6 LPs on hook. CH 1.

Begin next and all other star stitches on this row: insert hook in space created by the CH-1, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in side of previous ST, YO, draw up LP. Insert hook in base of ST, YO, draw up LP. [Insert hook in next ST, draw up LP] twice. YO, and pull through all 6 LPs on hook. CH 1.

Continue with the star stitch on this row. At the end (after the last CH-1) CH 1, and turn.

**ROW 4:** RPT [HDC in the star's CH-1 space. HDC at the top of the star stitch] across the row, ending before marked ST. Total = 28 HDCs. In the next 12 STs, HDC in back LPs, marking the first HDC (which is the 12<sup>th</sup> stitch inwards). CH 1, turn.

RPT ROWs 3 & 4 until the hat has a total of 40 rows. For a women's size, the piece should measure about 20"-21" unstretched. Leave a long tail end for sewing, then cut yarn. With the tail end, match up the first and last rows, and sew the seam. Weave along the top edge of the hat to close the circle. Sew on a pompom. Fold the brim. Fasten off.

#### **Child's hat size (20" head circumference)**

Requires 1 skein of yarn.

Make the following changes to the pattern:

CH 35.

Each ROW will contain 10 HDCs, followed by 24 STs for the star stitch. The width of each row should be around 10-10.5 inches.

Make 36 rows, or 18" unstretched.

#### **Men's hat size (24" head circumference)**

Requires 2 skeins of yarn.

Make the following changes to the pattern:

CH 43.

Each ROW will contain 12 HDCs, followed by 30 STs for the star stitch. The width of each row should be around 12.25-12.75 inches.

Make 44 rows, or 22" unstretched.