

LACY CROCHET SLOUCH HAT

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With or without a detachable pompom, the Lacy Slouch Hat is sure to please! This hat's subtle lace is made simple with strategically placed single and double crochet stitches suitable for advanced beginners*. Try a self-striping yarn for a playful alternative.

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Finished size: approximately 18" circumference by 9" tall for a small-medium hat

TOOL & MATERIALS

• 1 ball at least 125 yards of worsted weight (#4) yarn. I used Lion Brand Heartland Yarn (yields 2 hats) in Acadia for the cream hat and Cascade 220 in Jet for the dark grey hat.

Tip: If you choose a wool or acrylic yarn for this hat to make it nice and cozy, it will not drape as easily as a fiber such as alpaca or yak. To get your hat to slouch, simply smoosh the top down once you put it on and it will happily stay put for a stylish winter!

- Size K Hook
- Yarn Needle
- Optional: detachable pompom, sewing thread and needle (I purchased a set of 12 faux fur pompoms with large snaps on Amazon here.)

ABBREVIATIONS

- CH = chain
- SC = single crochet
- DC = double crochet
- SHELL = 1 DC into next SC (or CH on row 1), 1 CH, in same SC as last DC work [1 DC, 1 CH, 1 DC]

*If you are new to crochet, the following resources may be helpful to you.

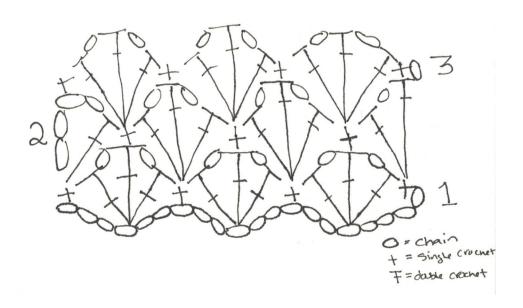
- <u>Naztazia on YouTube(two part video series for beginners by Naztazia for allfreecrochet.com)</u>
- crochetmagazine.com/stitch guide/ (stitch guide with drawings by Crochet Magazine)

INSTRUCTIONS

The Lacy Slouch Hat uses two simple stitches and a larger hook to create a lace-like pattern that stretches and relaxes for the perfect slouch hat. For this pattern, you'll make an 18" x 9" rectangle for a small-medium sized hat.

The last row of shells becomes a lacy brim for your new hat. The short sides are sewn together to make the body of the hat. A crown is formed by gathering the stitches of the foundation row.

To change the size, simply add stitches to the width and height for a larger or slouchier hat.



CH 68 stitches for a small-medium size hat (74 for a M-L or 80 for a L-XL).

R1: SC in 2nd CH from hook, *skip 2 CH, work 1 SHELL, skip 2 CH, 1 SC; repeat from * to end; turn.

R2: 4 CH (counts as 1 DC, 1 CH), 1 DC into first SC, skip 1 DC, 1 SC into next DC *work 1 SHELL, skip 1 DC, 1 SC into next DC; repeat from * to last SC, into last SC work [1 DC, 1 CH, 1 DC]; turn.

R3: 1 CH, 1 SC into first DC, * work 1 SHELL, skip 1 DC, 1 SC into next DC; repeat from * to end placing last SC into 3rd of 4 CH at beginning of previous row; turn.

Repeat rows 2-3 until piece reaches 9 inches. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Place the short sides of the finished rectangle together and weave the tail through the DC and CHs forming the ends to create a seam for the hat. Finish the seam with an extra stitch to lock it in place leaving the tail. Weave the tail through the spaces in between each SC and SHELL on the foundation row and cinch tight to form the crown of the hat, then fasten off.

Add the optional pompon for some extra fun! The version I used on the cream hat is detachable for washing and, as a bonus, the hat can be turned wrong side out for another look.



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