



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
BEGINNER



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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Essentials™:**  
1 ball Turquoise 7508

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4" (10 cm); 8 rounds = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.



**RED HEART® Soft Essentials™, Art. E856** available in 5 oz (140 g), 131 yd (120 m) balls

# Chic and Quick Messy Bun Hat

This messy bun hat crochets up quickly in Soft Essentials, making it a great weekend project! Make it in your friends' favorite colors, it makes a great gift.

**Directions are for size Small. Changes for size Large are in parentheses.**

**Hat circumference at bottom edge:**  
21 (22)" [53 (56) cm].

## NOTE

The Band is worked back and forth in rows. You will pick up stitches along the long side of the Band and work in rounds for the Crown.

## HAT Band

Ch 8.

**Row 1:** Sc into 2nd ch from hook and each ch across — 7 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, slip st in each sc — 7 slip sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, turn, sc in each slip st. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until band measures 21 (22)" [53 (56) cm].

## Crown

**Round 1 (Right Side):** With right side facing, join yarn in first st with a slip st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc 71 (79) sts evenly spaced along one long edge of Band; slip st in first sc to join — 72 (80) sc.

**Rounds 2-4:** Dc in each sc around; join with slip st to first dc — 72 (80) dc.

**Round 5:** \*Dc in next 3 sts, skip next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st to first dc — 54 (60) dc.

**Round 6:** \*Dc in next 2 sts, skip next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st to first dc — 36 (40) dc.

**Round 7:** \*Dc in next st, skip next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st to first dc — 18 (20) dc. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

With yarn needle, seam band. Weave in all loose ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.



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