



A simple beret pattern which can be adapted to various yarns and hooks sizes – you will be able to make a variety of berets with this one pattern – just change the yarn weight and hook size and you have a totally different looking beret. Play and have a bit of fun. Basic stitches – single crochet and double crochet.



## SIMPLE CROCHET BERET

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I found some knitting yarn cones whilst rummaging through the local charity shops. I love cones of yarn – they go on forever – no need for joining balls of yarn. So what to do with it – make a new beret for this autumn and a matching scarf, of course. The yarn had no label so I am not sure what it is (probably acrylic) but it has a thread running through it which helps to make a beautiful pattern. I think it is 4ply (even though it seems thinner) so I have used a 4mm hook.

This pattern can be used to make a beret using 4ply, 8ply or whatever yarn you wish to use, all you need to do is adjust the number of rounds to match the beret diameter. Similar to my other patterns have a play and have fun with it. Once you get the hang of this simple pattern you can make a variety of berets with different yarns and various hook sizes. For more ideas to play with, see [MYO](#), Make Your Own, on [www.crocknit.com](http://www.crocknit.com).

### Before you begin:

- *read* through the pattern to the end
- *select* yarn and hook size
- *check* head size
- *crochet* a swatch 10cm by 5cm in sc
- *count* the number of stitches
- *calculate* how many stitches you will need to fit the head circumference

**Special Note:** The swatch is essential for calculating how many stitches you will need towards the end of the pattern, so the band of the beret will fit the head circumference.

### Here's the pattern:

#### Abbreviations:

*Rnd* = round; *ch* = chain; *sc* = single crochet; *dc* = double crochet; *st* or *sts* = stitch or stitches; *sl st* = slip stitch.

#### Begin:

Ch2, sc 6 times into 1<sup>st</sup> ch, join with sl st.

#### Rnd 1:

Ch1, 2sc into every st, join with sl st. (10sts)

#### Rnd 2:

Ch1, \*2sc in next st, 1 sc in next st; repeat from \* to end, join with sl st. (15sts)

#### Rnd 3:

Ch3, 2dc in every st to end, join with sl st in top of ch3. (30sts)

#### Rnd 4:

Ch3, 1dc in 1<sup>st</sup> st \*2dc in next st, 1dc in next st, repeat from \* to end, join with sl st in top of ch3. (45sts)



#### Rnd 5-15: Increasing rounds

Same as **Rnd 4** but increasing the number of 1dc after 2dc - as follows:

*2dc in next st, 1dc in next 2 sts;*

*2dc in next st, 1dc in next 3 sts;*

*2dc in next st, 1dc in next 4 sts;*

*2dc in next st, 1dc in next 5 sts;*

*2dc in next st, 1dc in next 6 sts; etc.*

*continue* in this manner until the diameter of the beret measures 12 inches. (210sts)



**Rnd 16: Decreasing rounds**

# Ch1, \*sc into back loop of next 12 sts, sc next 2sts tog, repeat from \* to end, join with sl st.

**Rnd 17:**

Ch1, sc into back loop of every st to end, join with sl st.

**Rnd 18:**

Ch1, \*sc into back loop of next 11sts, sc next 2sts tog, repeat from \* to end, join with sl st.

**Rnd 19:**

Ch3, dc into every st to end, join with sl st into top of ch3. ##

**Rnd 20-31:**

Repeat from # to ## ; decreasing number of sc before *sc next 2sts tog* by 1sc each Rnd, as follows:-

Sc into back loop of next 10sts, sc next 2sts tog;  
 Sc into back loop of next 9sts, sc next 2sts tog;  
 Sc into back loop of next 8sts, sc next 2sts tog;  
 Sc into back loop of next 7sts, sc next 2sts tog;  
 Sc into back loop of next 6sts, sc next 2sts tog;  
 Sc into back loop of next 5sts, sc next 2sts tog;

(90sts remaining)



**Rnd 32: Band**

Ch1, sc into back loop of every st to end, join with sl st.

**Rnd 33-37:**

Same as **Rnd 32** to end. **Finish** and hide ends.



Your finished beret can be embellished with a crochet flower brooch, crochet star or heart, or sew on some buttons – be creative thread some ribbon through the dc stitches, whatever –you choose! I haven't decided yet!