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## Gullwing crocheted beanie

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**Yarn:** 2 skeins Classic Elite Adelaide (100% wool, 123 yds. per skein). Small size sample made in color #3657, Storm Cloud. (Note: this yarn is NOT superwash and needs to be hand washed; it will felt if machine laundered. If you plan to machine wash your hat, choose a different yarn that is superwash, such as 1 skein of Malabrigo Rios. Large size sample made in Rios, color: Playa.)

**Hook:** US #G (5.0 mm), or adjust hook size to obtain gauge.

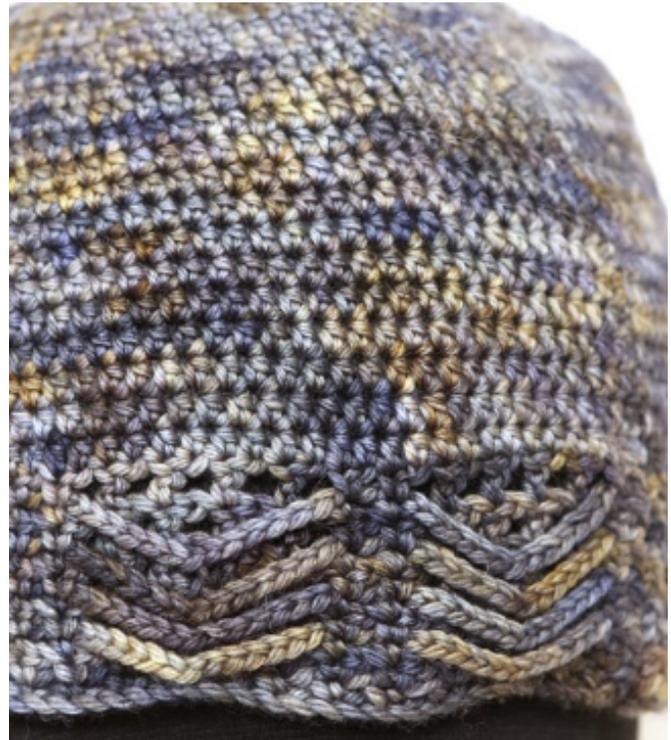
**Gauge:** 5 sts. per inch, and 4 rows to the inch in half double crochet

**Sizes:** small adult head (approx. 20-22"), large adult head (approx. 23-24")

### Abbreviations:

ch.	chain / chain stitch
ch-1	chain 1
dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
sc	single crochet
sl. st.	slip stitch
st. / sts.	stitch / stitches
hdc 2tog	crochet 2 half double crochet stitches together. A decrease. I do my decrease here slightly differently than the traditional way, as the traditional decrease looked bulky to me. <i>Here is the way I decrease for the hat</i>

*(though you are welcome to do it another way): with a loop on the hook, yarn over hook, go under loops of stitch and pull up a loop, insert hook under loops of next stitch, yarn over hook and pull through the four loops on the hook. (The traditional method has an additional yarn over hook before putting the hook into the second stitch, pulling up a loop and then pulling through 5 loops.)*



**Supplies needed:** 1-2 locking stitch markers, tapestry needle for seaming and weaving in ends.

**Notes:** I do not count the turning chain as a stitch. When I make a stitch, I go under both legs of the loop, except for the first row of the band and when slip stitching the center stitch of the gullwing in row 3 of the band. The numbers for the large size beanie are in parentheses following the numbers for the size small; for example: 112 (124).

### **Pattern**

This hat is worked from the bottom up to the top, with a decorative band serving as the cuff at the bottom. The band is worked back and forth as a flat piece, then folded to be in the round and seamed. The stitches for the rest of the hat are worked in the round.

### **The cuff strip**

The pattern for the decorative band is a multiple of 12 sts. plus 4 sts.

Start by chaining 112 (124), leaving a 10" tail. You will use the tail later for seaming the band.

Row 1. 1 sc in top of 2nd ch. from hook, \*ch. 1, skip next ch., 1 sc in following ch. Repeat from \*. Count your sts. at end of row! You should have 111 (123) sts., one having been used as the turning chain. It is very easy to miss a chain or a stitch in the cuff's gullwing pattern, so please count your sts., especially when working the first four rows. If you miss a chain or stitch, the pattern will not work out properly. Turn your work.

Row 2. ch. 1, \*1 sc in next st, ch. 1, skip next st. Repeat from \*. End with 1 sc. Turn. Count your sts: 111 (123).

Row 3. ch. 1, 1 sc in next st., \*ch. 1, 1 sc in next st., ch. 6, skip next 2 ch-1 spaces, sl. st. in next ch-1 space 2 rows below, ch. 6, skip next 2 ch-1 spaces, 1 sc in next st. Repeat from \*, end with ch. 1, 1 sc in last st. Turn.

Row 4. ch. 1, 1 sc in next st., \*ch. 1, 1 sc in next st., (ch. 1, 1 dc in next sc of row 2) four times, ch. 1, 1 sc in next st. in row 3. Repeat from \*, end with ch. 1, 1 sc in last st. Turn. Count your stitches: 111 (123).

Repeat rows 3 - 4 three more times for a total of 4 gullwing ribs. This strip will form the cuff of your hat. Use a locking stitch marker to hold the live loop before proceeding to seaming.

Holding the strip so that the right side is facing you, bring the narrow ends together. Thread the tail yarn onto a tapestry needle and stitch the narrow ends together, joining the strip into a round. I used mattress stitch for seaming my samples. You will be crocheting in the round for the remainder of the project.

### **Starting the hat in the round**

Set-up rounds:

Set-up 1. Unlock the live loop from the stitch marker, reinsert your crochet hook and ch 2. Turn. The right side will be facing you. (You will be working from right to left in the round. If you find the chain at the beginning of rounds difficult to see, you can mark it with a locking stitch marker.) Make 1 hdc in each st. around, starting in the last sc from the previous row. Join with a sl. st. Count your stitches. You should have 110 (122) sts.

Set-up 2. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around, while at the same time making a couple of decreases until you have 108 (120) sts. Space out your decreases so they are inconspicuous. I crochet 2 hdc together (hdc 2tog) to form decreases (see abbreviations above for a description). Count your stitches again; make any adjustments necessary to reach 108 (120) sts.

Work the main body of the hat:

Round 1. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 108 (120) sts.

Repeat Round 1 until you reach 4½" from the beginning of the hat. Count your sts. periodically to ensure you continue to have 108 (120) sts. around.

### Decreasing for the top of the hat

- Decrease round 1. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next 16 (18) sts, hdc 2tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 6 sts decreased: 102 (114) sts.
- Decrease round 2. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 102 (114) sts.
- Decrease round 3. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next 15 (17) sts, hdc 2tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 6 sts. decreased: 96 (108) sts.
- Decrease round 4. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 96 (108) sts.
- Decrease round 5. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next 14 (16) sts, hdc 2tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 6 sts. decreased: 90 (102) sts.
- Decrease round 6. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 90 (102) sts.
- Decrease round 7. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next st., hdc 2tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 30 (34) sts. decreased: 60 (68) sts.
- Decrease round 8. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 60 (68) sts.
- Decrease round 9. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next st., hdc 2 tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 20 (23) sts. decreased: 40 (45) sts. For size large only, end with hdc 2tog twice
- Decrease round 10. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 40 (45) sts.
- Decrease round 11. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next 2 sts., hdc 2tog. Repeat from \*, ending with hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 10 (11) sts. decreased: 30 (34) sts. For size large only, end with hdc 2tog, hdc.
- Decrease round 12. ch. 2, 1 hdc in each st. around. Join with sl. st. 30 (34) sts.
- Decrease round 13. ch. 2, \*1 hdc in next st., hdc 2tog. Join with sl. st. 10 (11) sts. decreased: 20 (23) sts. For size large only, end with hdc.
- Decrease round 14. ch. 2, \*hdc 2tog. Repeat from \* around. Join with sl. st. 10 (11) sts. decreased: 10 (12) sts. For size large only, end with hdc.
- Decrease round 15. ch. 2, \*hdc 2tog. Repeat from \* around. Join with sl. st. 5 (6) sts. decreased: 5 (6) sts.

Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail. Pull the tail through the final loop. Thread the tail onto your tapestry needle and pass the needle under the next loop. Continue passing the needle one at a time under the remaining 4 (5) loops and pull the tail tight, cinching the slight hole closed. Push tail through to wrong side and weave in. Trim. Weave in remaining ends and trim.

Wash your hat; you can dry it flat, or place it over a tall cylinder (like a canister or bottle). I often stuff plastic bags in my hats to hold them to shape while they dry.

Wear and enjoy your Gullwing crocheted beanie.

The gullwing band is taken from the Herringbone Rib pattern at p. 30 in *Crocheting on the Edge : the Essential Collection of More than 200 Decorative Borders* / Nicky Epstein. New York : Nicky Epstein Books, c2008.

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