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Short Rows Crochet Hat



Worsted weight yarn (remember to use at least 2 colors in the hat)

H or I crochet hook (5.0 or 5.5 mm)

Youth to adult size

Advanced beginner

Chain 36

Row 1 - Sc in 2nd chain from hook and in next 29 chains, leaving last 5 chains unworked. Turn. (30 sc)

Row 2 - Ch 1, sc in back loop (BL) of 30 sts. Turn (30 sc)

Row 3 - Ch 1, sc in BL of next 30 sc and in BL of 5 unworked chs from row 1. Turn. (35 sc)

Row 4 - Ch 1, sc in BL of 35 sc. Turn. (35 sc)

Repeat begins here!!

Row 5 - Ch 1, sc in back loop (BL) of 30 sc, leaving last 5 sc unworked. Turn. (30 sc)

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Row 6 - Ch 1, sc in BL of 30 sts. Turn (30 sc)

Row 7 - Ch 1, sc in BL of next 30 sc and in BL of 5 unworked sc from row 5. Turn. (35 sc)

Row 8 - Ch 1, sc in BL of 35 sc. Turn. (35 sc)

Repeat rows 5 through 8 for approximately 15" to 17" for a youth size. finish off leaving an 18" tail.

Fold the hat in half with **WRONG SIDE OUT**. Matching stitch to stitch, using a yarn needle and the 18" yarn tail, whip stitch last row to first row (do this at least two times for the first stitch and last stitch at top). Continue to whip stitch up the side of the hat to the top forming a tube. When you reach the top of the hat, put extra whip stitches in the last stitch up the side, work a running stitch along the top of hat. Pull yarn taught to gather and secure the yarn. Or slip stitch the 2 edges together, and then gather the top.

Optional trims - flower, pom-pom, yo-yo, cork screw, or tassel.

For a shorter hat with no fold up brim, decrease numbers by 5 or more sts.