

Houndstooth Hat



Yarn: 2 colors of worsted weight/4 weight yarn. Designate one color as Color A, which will be used for the brim of the hat. The other color will be Color B. You could do the whole hat in 1 color too if you don't have 2 colors.

Hook: 6 mm

Abbreviations:

Ch: chain

Sc: single crochet
Dc: double crochet
Sl st: slip stitch.

Start with Color A.

Row 1: ch 9, sc across (8 sts)

Rows 2-66: ch 1 and turn, in back loop only, sc across (8 sts)

After these rows, bring the chains from Row 1 to the stitches you just made in Row 66, then sl st them together.

Rnd 1: sc around (66 sts)

Rnd 2: sc, dc, rep around. Sl st in the first st of the round, bringing up a loop in Color B. Ch 2 and turn. (66 sts)

Rnd 3: In the same st as your chains, dc. In the next st, sc. Dc, sc, rep these two sts around. Sl st in the first st of the round, bringing up a loop in color A. ch 1 and turn. (66 sts)

Rnd 4: In the same st as your ch 1, sc. In the next st, dc. Sc, dc, rep these two sts around. At the end of the round, sl st in the first st of the round, bringing up a loop in color B. Ch 1 and turn.

Rnds 4-22: Repeat Rnds 3 and 4 (66 sts).

Note: for each new round, you should be putting sc's in the previous round's dc's, and putting dc's in the previous round's sc's.

When you are about to finish Rnd 22, sl st into the first st of the round, but do not bring up a loop in color B. Instead, bring up a loop in Color A.

Rnd 23: With color A, ch 1, sc in the same st as your ch, sc around. At the end of the round, sl st to the first st (66 sts).

Rnd 24: sc, sc2tog, rep around (44 sts)

Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

To finish the hat: With a yarn needle, pull the tail of the yarn through the single crochet stitches on the top of the hat. Then, pull on the tail to scrunch up the top of the hat. You should now have a small circle at the top of the hat. Add a few stitches at the top of the hat to close up the circle, then weave in ends.