

Happy Little Puff Stitches

This is really more of a tutorial/guideline to make a hat like the one pictured. Feel free to adjust as needed to get it just like you want. Remember, this is untested, written from notes from a few years ago.

Check out the inspirations behind this hat - the [Nuance Hat](#) by [Hailey Redden](#), and the [Puff Stitch Crochet Beret](#) by [creativeyarn](#), both with lots of fabulous designs.



Materials:

F hook

I hook

J hook

Caron Simply Soft (or any other worsted weight yarn, or really any weight)

Band:

Use the I hook for the band.

Row 1: Foundation hdc approximately 22" (or the size you want - I made mine to fit a tiny bit loose) when stretched very slightly. Slip stitch to first stitch, being careful not to twist. You will need to come back to join the tiny split later.

Row 2: ch 1, turn, working in both loops, work double slip stitches around ([click here for a wonderful tutorial](#)), slip stitch to beginning

Row 3: ch 2, turn, hdc tblo, slip stitch to join

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for the length of your band. Mine had 11 rows, with Row 11 being hdc. Be sure to turn after joining each row. On the 11th row, join but do not turn.

Puffs:

Switch to J hook.

Puff: (yo, insert hook, pull up a loop) 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops

Round 1: ch 1, *make a puff, ch 1, skip a stitch* Repeat * * around. Slip stitch to first of to join. If you have an uneven number of stitches, just skip an extra at the end.

Round 2: slip stitch into chain space, ch 1, (make a puff, ch 1, skip a stitch) around, placing puffs into the spaces of the previous row. Increase 4 puffs evenly spread out by working two puffs in one space, still separated by a chain. Slip stitch in first puff to join.

Rounds 3 and 4: slip stitch into chain space, ch 1, (make a puff, ch 1, skip a stitch) around. Slip stitch in first puff to join.

Rounds 5-12: (this is where I began decreasing) Decrease by working a puff as normal but not doing the chain 1 in between. This sort of squishes the tops of the two puffs together and on the next row you'll only work in the ch 1 spaces. I decreased around 4 stitches per round; unfortunately I don't have the exact numbers on that. Row 12 had about 7 puffs left on my hat. You might choose to work more plain rows and decrease faster for a scrunched top of your hat. After the last row, I just sewed the top together.

You can also work this hat top down (which would be a lot easier). Just start with 5 puffs and ch 1, and increase.

Flower:

Use F hook.

Round 1: ch 4, join with a slip stitch in first ch, 10 sc in loop

Round 2: *ch 4, slip stitch in next stitch* Repeat * * Slip stitch at the beginning of the round. (10 loops)

Round 3: slip stitch into the first loop, ch 1, (make a puff stitch, ch 1) in each loop around, slip stitch to first puff. (10 puff stitches)

Round 4: *ch 6, skip ch sp, slip stitch in next ch space* Repeat * * Slip stitch in first st. (5 loops)

Round 5: Slip stitch into first loop. In each loop around, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc). Slip stitch to the beginning.

Weave in ends, sew to hat.

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