

The Whimsical Witch-Hat

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This fast, easy hat is designed with a floppy brim as well as a flopped-over point. Whip one up for yourself, and another for your favorite pumpkin. (Shown with neckwarmer from the Witch Warmers pattern.)

Skill Level Easy

Yarn

156 - 206 yds / 143-189m worsted weight acrylic, wool, or blend in 3 colors

Main Color (MC): 88 yds (102, 108) / 81m (94, 99)

Contrasting Color (CC): 48 yds (56, 69) / 44m (52, 64)

Accent Color (AC): 20 yds (23, 29) / 19m (22, 27)

Photo shows Red Heart Super Saver acrylic yarn.

Additional Materials

crochet hook: US size L / 8.00 mm

removable stitch marker

Finished Measurements

full height: 11.5" (12, 13.5) / 29.5cm (30.5, 34.5); brim diameter: 12" (12.5, 13) / 30.5cm (32, 33)

Approximate Gauge

11 sts x 14 rows = 4" x 4" / 10.5cm x 10.5cm flat swatch in single crochet

Sizes women's Small, Medium, Large

Pattern Notes

- U.S. crochet terms
- Yarn – this hat turns out best with a stiff worsted weight yarn. Choose one that is not labeled “soft.”
- Sizing – starting chain numbers, etc. are given for a women's size Small, with Medium and Large in parentheses. Measure your head circumference at the forehead to find the size that's right for you: 20"/51cm is size Small, 22"/56cm is size Medium, and 24"/61cm is size Large. If you are between sizes, add 1-2 chains to the smaller size. The hat has about .75"/2cm negative ease.
- This pattern is worked with the foundation chain ring at the juncture between the brim and the upper section of the hat. The brim is worked first, tied off, and then the upper section is worked from the other side of the foundation chain ring.



Abbreviations

AC - accent color yarn CC - contrasting color yarn MC - main color yarn

ch - chain stitch

pm in lp on hk - place marker in loop on hook

sc - single crochet

sl st - slip stitch

sc-fl - single crochet worked only in the base stitch's front loop

sc2tog - single crochet 2 stitches together

st bef mkr - stitch before marker

Instructions

Starting Ring: Using MC ch57 (60, 63), sl st to first ch to form a circle - being careful not to twist the chain, place marker in loop on hook.

Brim

Brim-Rnd 1: Using MC [2sc in next st, 4sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 2: Sc around to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 3: Repeat Brim-Rnd 2.

Brim-Rnd 4: 3sc, [2sc in next st, 5sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 5-6: Repeat Brim-Rnd 2.

Brim-Rnd 7: [2sc in next st, 6sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Brim-Rnd 8-9: Repeat Brim-Rnd 2.

Tie off.



Upper Section

Rnd 1: Using CC attach with a sl st to first ch in starting ring, sc in last ch in ring, 56 (59, 62) sc around ending in first CC sl st, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 2: Sc-fl around to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 3: Sc around to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

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Rnd 4-7: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8: [Sc2tog, 13sc], repeat to st bef mkr and change to AC for final loop of the last st, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 9: Using AC repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 10: 3sc, [sc2tog, 12sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 11: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 12: [Sc2tog, 11sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 13: Repeat Rnd 3, changing to MC for final loop of the last st, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 14: Using MC 3sc, [sc2tog, 10sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 15: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 16: [Sc2tog, 9sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 17: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 18: 3sc, [sc2tog, 8sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 19: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 20: [Sc2tog, 7sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 21: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 22: 3sc, [sc2tog, 6sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 23: Repeat Rnd 3, changing to CC for final loop of the last st, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 24: Using CC [sc2tog, 5sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 25: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 26: 3sc, [sc2tog, 4sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

Rnd 27: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 28: [Sc2tog, 3sc], repeat to st bef mkr, pm in lp on hk.

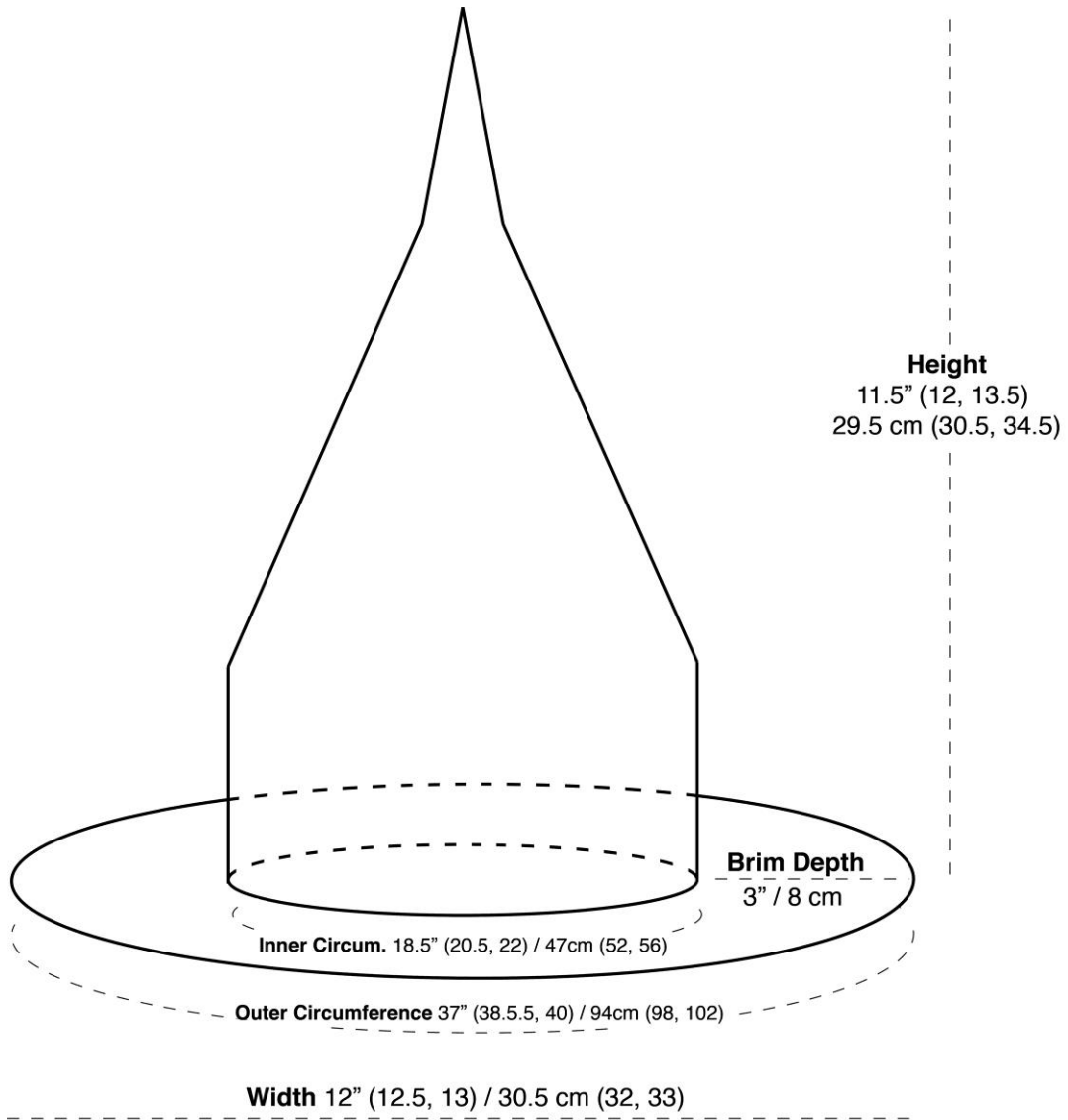
Rnd 29: Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 30 - end: Repeat Rnd 28-29. End when there are 4 sts left in round--on a decrease round.

Tie off and work in all ends.

To Wear - Once you've got it on your head, grasp the brim in front at the 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock positions, and pull it straight to give it some definition, as modeled in the first photo. If you wish, you can do it in the back also.

Schematic Diagram



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