

Granny Stitch Bucket Hat

A Crochet Pattern

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A cozy, textured bucket hat constructed from a flat circle crown that transitions into rows of granny stitch clusters, finished with a gentle brim. Worked in the round from the top down, this hat is a satisfying one-day project perfect for using up leftover yarn. An original KnotToYarn design.

Skill Level	Sizes	Yarn Weight	Technique
Beginner - Intermediate	Custom fit (adjustable)	DK + lace mohair (held dbl)	Worked in the round

Quick Reference

Use this page as a quick overview of the entire pattern before you begin. All the key measurements, stitch counts, and construction steps are summarized here so you can easily reference them while crocheting.

Component	Details
Crown (flat circle)	Rounds 1-7 (or more) with dc increases; finish when circumference fits your head
Color change	Switch to contrasting color at end of crown, before granny stitch rows
Granny stitch body	8 rounds of 3-dc clusters with ch-2 spaces, alternating colors each round
Brim (increase round)	1 round: 2 dc in every stitch (doubles the stitch count)
Brim (straight rounds)	2 rounds: 1 dc in every stitch (no increases)
Finishing	Weave in all tails, no blocking needed

Construction Order

1. Make a flat circle in dc, increasing systematically, until the circumference fits your head.
2. Change color and work granny stitch cluster rounds for the body of the hat.
3. Alternate colors after every cluster round for a striped effect.
4. Work one increase round (2 dc in every stitch) to create the brim flare.
5. Work two straight dc rounds to extend the brim downward.
6. Fasten off, weave in all ends, and enjoy your new bucket hat!

Finished Measurements (approximate, adjustable)

Measurement	Value
Crown diameter (7 rounds)	~18 cm / 7 in
Head circumference	~56-58 cm / 22-23 in (adjust by adding/removing crown rounds)
Hat body height (cluster rounds)	~8-10 cm / 3-4 in (adjust by adding/removing cluster rounds)
Brim width	~3-4 cm / 1.5 in
Total hat height	~14-16 cm / 5.5-6 in

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terminology)

Refer to this table throughout the pattern whenever you encounter an abbreviation you are not familiar with. All instructions in this pattern use standard US crochet terminology.

Abbreviation	Meaning
ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase (2 dc in one stitch)
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
cl	cluster (3 dc in same space)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
BLO	back loop only
yo	yarn over
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
pm	place marker
sm	slip marker

Materials and Tools



Figure 1: Yarn and tools needed for this project

Yarn

This pattern uses two strands of yarn held together throughout: a DK weight (Category 3) wool and a lace weight mohair/silk blend. The double-stranding creates a beautifully soft, haloed fabric with excellent warmth and drape. If you prefer not to use mohair, you can substitute a single strand of worsted weight (Category 4) yarn and adjust your hook size accordingly.

Main Color (MC): DK weight extra fine merino wool, approximately 1-2 balls (100g each, ~200 yards/ball).

Contrast Color (CC): DK weight merino in a second color, 1-2 balls.

Mohair: Lace weight kid mohair/silk blend, held together with the wool throughout. Approximately 1 ball.

Alternative: Use a single strand of worsted weight yarn instead of double-stranding. Increase hook size to 4.5-5.0 mm.

Hooks

Main hook: 4.0 mm (US G-6) for double-stranded DK + mohair.

Alternative hook: 4.5-5.0 mm (US 7-8) if using a single strand of worsted weight.

Notions

- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Scissors
- Stitch marker (optional, for marking the first stitch of each round)

Gauge

Gauge for this hat is flexible because you will be adjusting the crown size to fit your own head. However, for reference, the original hat was made with the following gauge using double-stranded DK weight wool and lace mohair on a 4.0 mm hook.

Measurement	Target
Double crochet gauge	Approx. 14 dc = 10 cm (4 in)
Row gauge (in the round)	Approx. 12 rounds = 10 cm (4 in)
Crown after 7 rounds	~18 cm / 7 in diameter (fits 56-58 cm head)

If your crown does not reach the desired circumference after 7 rounds, simply add more increase rounds following the established pattern until it fits. The beauty of this pattern is its adjustability.

Part 1: Crown (Flat Circle)

The crown of the hat is a flat circle worked in double crochet, starting from a center ring. You will work systematic increases in each round to keep the circle perfectly flat. The key principle is simple: with each new round, the number of double crochets you work before each increase grows by one. Once the circumference of the circle matches (or slightly exceeds) your head measurement, you stop and move on to the granny stitch body.

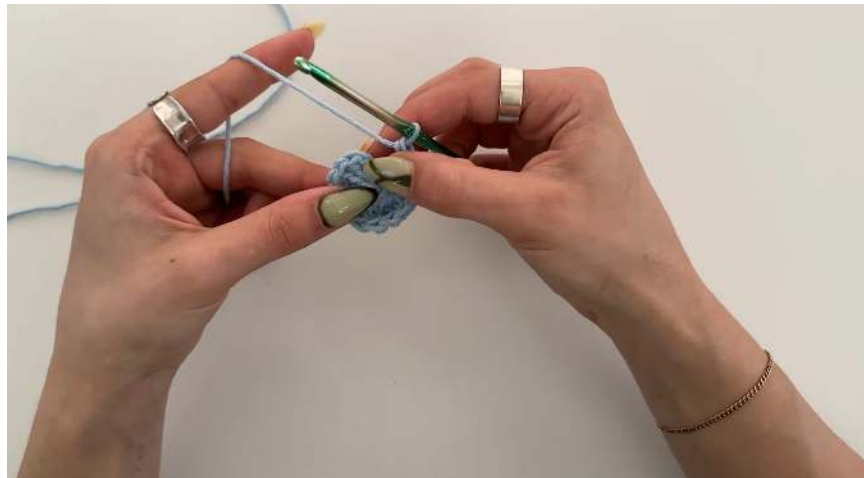


Figure 2: Making the slip knot and beginning chain for the center ring

Round 1 - Center Ring

- Make a slip knot and place it on your hook.
- Chain 4, then insert your hook into the very first chain made and work a slip stitch to join in the round.
- Chain 2 (this does NOT count as a stitch).
- Work 12 double crochets (dc) into the center ring.
- Grab the starting tail and pull tight to close the center hole.
- Find your first dc (ignore the ch-2), insert hook through both loops, pull up a loop, and slip stitch to join.
- Stitch count: 12 dc.

Round 2 - Increase in Every Stitch

- Chain 2. Work 2 dc in the same stitch where you just slip stitched.
- Work 2 dc in every stitch around (increase in every stitch).
- Slip stitch to join into the first dc of the round.
- Stitch count: 24 dc.

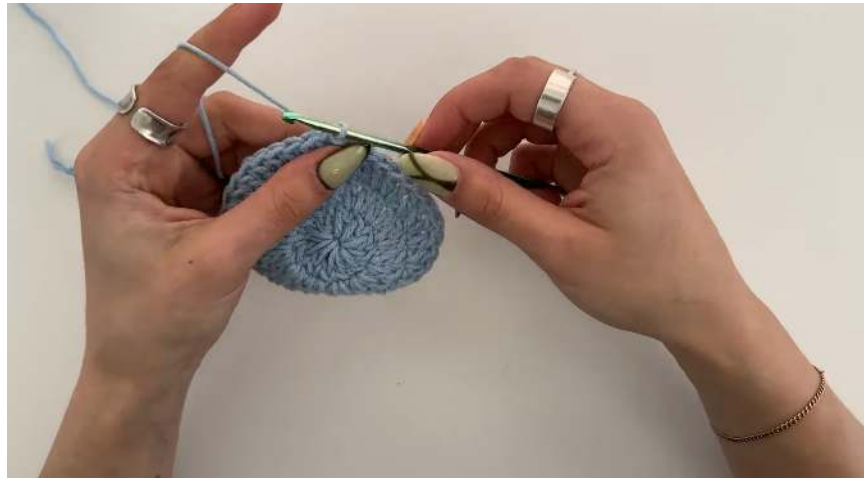


Figure 3: Working the early crown rounds to build the flat circle

Round 3

- Chain 2. Work 1 dc in the first stitch, then 2 dc in the next stitch.
- Repeat [1 dc, 2 dc in next stitch] all the way around.
- Slip stitch to join into the first dc of the round.
- Stitch count: 36 dc.

Round 4

- Chain 2. Work 1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches, then 2 dc in the 3rd stitch.
- Repeat [1 dc in next 2, 2 dc in next] all around.
- Slip stitch to join.
- Stitch count: 48 dc.

Understanding the Increase Pattern

From Round 4 onward, the pattern follows a clear formula: with each round, the number of dc you work before each increase grows by one. In Round 5 you will work 3 dc then increase; in Round 6 you will work 4 dc then increase, and so on. Always finish each round with an increase in the last stitch. If your round ends with a regular dc instead of an increase, it means you have miscounted somewhere. A correctly worked circle should lie flat without curling.

Increase Schedule (Rounds 5-7)

Round	Pattern	Total Stitches
R5	1 dc in next 3, 2 dc in next. Repeat.	60
R6	1 dc in next 4, 2 dc in next. Repeat.	72

R7	1 dc in next 5, 2 dc in next. Repeat.	84
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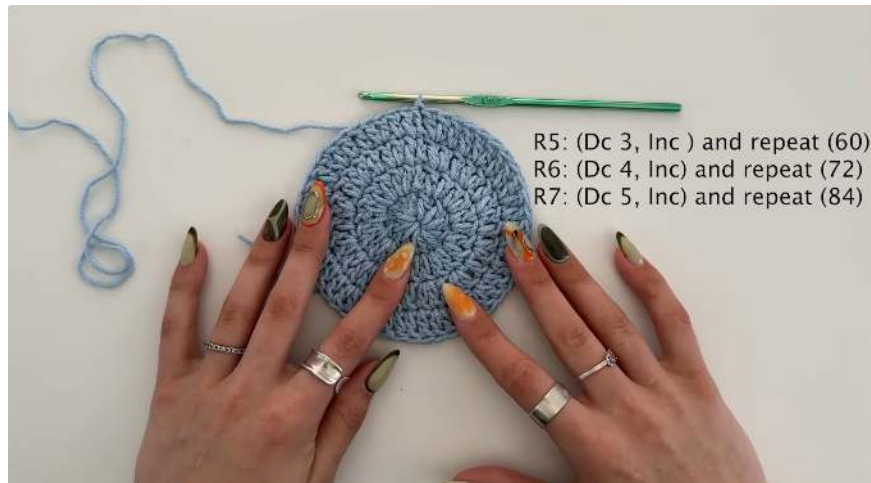


Figure 4: Later crown rounds showing the established increase pattern

Tip: Continue adding rounds following the same pattern until the outer edge of your circle matches your head circumference (approximately 56-58 cm / 22-23 in for an average adult). The number of rounds needed will depend on your yarn, hook size, and personal tension. Lay the circle flat on a table and measure across the diameter to check.



Figure 5: Completed crown circle ready for the granny stitch body

Part 2: Granny Stitch Body

Once your crown circle is the right size, you will transition to granny stitch clusters. These clusters create the signature textured look of the hat. Each cluster consists of 3 dc worked into the same stitch or space, with gaps of 2 stitches (or one cluster) between them. You will alternate colors after every round to create a beautiful striped effect.

Changing Color

At the end of your final crown round, chain 1 with the current color and cut the yarn, leaving a tail for weaving in later. Pull the tail through the loop to secure. To join the new color, insert your hook into the first dc of the previous round, grab the new yarn, and pull through. Leave a tail on the new color as well for weaving in later.

First Cluster Round (in dc stitches)



Figure 6: Working the first round of granny stitch clusters

- Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch).
- Work 3 dc in the same stitch where you joined the new color. This is your first cluster.
- Skip the next 2 dc, then work 3 dc in the 3rd dc stitch.
- Repeat [skip 2 dc, 3 dc in next stitch] all the way around.
- At the end of the round, join to the first dc of the first cluster with a slip stitch.
- Because you are placing 3 dc where there were 3 dc and skipping 2, the stitch count stays the same as the previous round. The circle will naturally begin to curve upward into a hat shape.

Subsequent Cluster Rounds

From the second cluster round onward, the method changes slightly. Instead of skipping 2 individual dc stitches, you will skip entire clusters and work into the spaces between them. This is much easier and faster to work.

- Change color: chain 1, fasten off, and join new color into any space between clusters.

- Chain 2. Work 3 dc in the same space.
- Skip the next cluster, work 3 dc in the space after it.
- Repeat [skip cluster, 3 dc in next space] all the way around.
- Join with a slip stitch to the first dc of the first cluster.
- Repeat this process for as many rounds as desired. The original hat has 8 rounds of granny stitch clusters.
- Always change color after every round for the striped effect.

Tip: The number of cluster rounds determines how deep the hat body is. For a shallower bucket hat, work fewer rounds (5-6). For a deeper, slouchy fit, work more rounds (10-12). Try the hat on after every 2-3 rounds to check the fit before continuing.

Part 3: The Brim

The brim gives the bucket hat its characteristic shape. It is created in two stages: first, an increase round that flares the edge outward, and then two straight rounds that extend the brim downward for a clean finish. After the granny stitch body is complete, continue with the same color you ended with.

Brim Round 1 - Increase Round

This round doubles the stitch count to create the outward flare of the brim. Instead of working in clusters, you will now work regular double crochets into every stitch.



Figure 7: Working the brim increase round for the bucket hat flare

- Chain 2 (does not count as a stitch).
- Work 2 dc in every single stitch around (increase in every stitch).
- Join with a slip stitch to the first dc of the round.
- You will see the brim flare outward immediately, creating the classic bucket hat shape.
- Stitch count is now doubled.

Brim Rounds 2 and 3 - Straight Rounds

These two rounds extend the brim downward without any increases, creating a clean band at the bottom of the hat.



Figure 8: Working the final straight brim rounds

- Chain 2, work 1 dc in every stitch around.
- Join with a slip stitch to the first dc of the round.
- Repeat this round one more time (2 straight rounds total).
- After the final round, chain 1, cut the yarn, and pull through to fasten off.

Part 4: Finishing

Weaving in Ends

Because you changed colors after every granny stitch round, you will have many tails to weave in. Take your time with this step, as secure tails ensure the hat will hold up through wear and washing. Thread both tails from the same color change (the old color tail and the new color tail) onto your tapestry needle at the same time to weave them together efficiently.

- Thread the tail(s) onto your tapestry needle.
- Insert the needle under the back loop of the next stitch to pull the tail to the wrong side.
- Weave the needle under several stitches in one direction, then reverse direction and weave back through different stitches.
- Repeat this zigzag path at least twice to ensure the tail is fully secure.
- Cut off any excess yarn close to the fabric.
- Repeat for every tail from every color change.

Tip: Weaving tails into mohair can be tricky because the fiber is fuzzy and tends to slip out. Take extra care to weave through enough stitches and change direction at least twice per tail. If needed, you can add a tiny drop of fabric glue to the knot for extra security.



Figure 9: The finished Granny Stitch Bucket Hat

No blocking is required for this hat. The double-stranded wool and mohair create a fabric with natural memory and drape that will conform to your head shape with wear. Simply try it on, adjust the brim with your hands if needed, and you are ready to go!

Tips and Customization

Flat circle check: After each crown round, lay the circle flat on a table. If it curls inward, you need more stitches (add an extra increase). If it ripples or waves, you have too many stitches (skip an increase). A flat circle is essential for a well-fitting hat.

Always end with an increase: Every crown round should finish with an increase (2 dc in one stitch). If your round ends with a regular dc instead, you may have missed an increase earlier. This is your built-in accuracy check.

Custom crown size: The pattern specifies 7 rounds, but you may need more or fewer depending on your yarn, hook, and head size. Keep adding increase rounds until the circumference measures about 1-2 cm less than your actual head measurement for a snug fit, or equal to your head measurement for a relaxed fit.

Color combinations: The two-tone striped effect is achieved by changing color after every granny stitch round. For a more subtle look, change every 2-3 rounds. For a bold, graphic effect, use high-contrast colors. Pastels create a dreamy, soft aesthetic.

Yarn substitution: If you do not want to use mohair, simply use a single strand of worsted weight (Category 4) yarn and go up to a 4.5-5.0 mm hook. Cotton worsted will produce a crisper, summer-friendly hat. Acrylic worsted creates a soft, budget-friendly version.

Granny stitch count: The number of clusters in each round equals the number of stitches in your final crown round divided by 3. Do not worry about counting them; simply work the repeat pattern and let the clusters fall where they may.

Brim variations: For a wider sun-hat brim, add 2-3 more straight rounds after the increase round. For a narrower, minimal brim, work only 1 straight round. You can also add a scalloped edge by working (sc, ch 2, skip 1) around the final round.

Sizing for kids: Use a 3.5 mm hook and finer yarn (sport weight or DK alone without mohair). Stop the crown at 5-6 rounds for a toddler, or 6-7 rounds for an older child.

Adding a lining: For a polished finish, cut a circle of fabric slightly smaller than the crown and hand-stitch it inside the hat. This prevents the hat from stretching out and adds a comfortable layer against the skin.

Care instructions: Hand wash in lukewarm water with wool wash. Lay flat to dry. Do not hang, as the weight of the wet yarn will stretch the hat out of shape.

Pattern Notes

- This pattern is written in US crochet terminology.
- The finished hat is designed to be adjustable. Change the number of crown rounds and cluster rounds to customize the fit.
- All stitch counts are approximate and may vary based on personal gauge.
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