

# Summertime Cuties

## Bucket Hats By The Dearest Of Things

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Cute bucket hat designs in 3 sizes from popular or trending themes. My inspo for these easy to make hats actually came from a trend of polymer clay rings made to look like cute little animals. Some of the design was also drawn from my favorite plushies at home!

### Abbreviations

dc - Double crochet  
sc - Single crochet  
hdc - Half double crochet  
dec - Decrease  
inc - Increase (Two stitches into the same space)  
pm - Place marker  
ch - Chain  
Join - Slip stitch into the first stitch of the round  
slst - Slip Stitch  
flo - front loop only  
\*\* - Repeat from \* to \* as many times listed. Ex [\*dc1, dc inc\*] x6

### Materials

- Worsted weight yarn in desired color (I used a thinner 4 weight by Big Twist and Mainstays)
- Size G - 4.0mm crochet hook.
- Tapestry needle for sewing in ends
- Scissors
- Polyfill or stuffing of your choice! I used scrap yarn!
- Pearl beads for strawberry seeds
- Needle
- Pink and red thread

### Base Colors

Strawberry: Big Twist - Bubblegum (now discontinued, but hot pink is a close replacement), or Varsity Red  
Stem: Red Heart - Spring Green

Frog: Big Twist - Light Green. Medium Rose (Or Mainstays Pink). Black. White.

Chick: Big Twist - White. Pale Yellow. Varsity Orange. Aqua. Black.

Red Heart - Pretty N' Pink

Bee: Mainstays - Yellow. White. Black

Gauge: 4 dc and 2 rows per inch. Please check your gauge by doing a swatch in the round and adjust hook size as needed. My personal tension tends to be tighter.

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# Hat Bases

**Grab the color needed for your desired hat! I will let you know throughout the rows which size stops where! ch2 does not count as a stitch at any point in this pattern. See below for row variations regarding bee sizes and stripe rows.**

## **Increase rows:**

To set up the hat we will be using a magic ring OR a ch 3 and slst into the first ch made. You will be working into the center of this ring. FOR LARGE: If you have a smaller head to make for (my head is small), only add 12 dc and remove 1 repeat from each row. This will change your total stitch count.

Row 1: ch 2, 13dc into the ring (Pull yarn tail tight if magic ring was used). slst into the first dc made. -13dc Total

Row 2: ch2, dc inc into each stitch around and join. -26dc Total

Row 3: ch2, [\*dc inc, dc\*] 13x, join. -39dc Total

Row 4: ch2, dc1, [\*dc inc, dc 2\*] 12x. dc inc, dc in last stitch and join. -52dc Total

**Your increase rows end here if you are making a small/newborn size.**

Row 5: ch2, [\*dc inc, dc 3\*] 13x, join. -65dc Total

**Your increase rows end here if you are making a medium size**

Row 6: ch2, dc 2, [\*dc inc, dc 4\*] 12x. dc inc, dc 2 and join. -78dc Total

**This is the end of increase rows for the adult size!**

## **Crown Rows:**

This one row will be worked a different amount of times for each hat!

Row 1: ch2, dc 1 in each stitch around. join

Small: Repeat 6 times -52dc Total

Medium: Repeat 7 times -65dc Total

Large: Repeat 7 times -78dc Total

## **Edging**

There is no final stitch count for these few rows as they may vary based on if you went with 12 or 13 dc to begin..

Row 1: ch2, [\* In flo, dc inc, dc 2\*]

Row 2: ch2, [\*dc inc, dc 2\*] until all stitches are filled. Join.

Row 3: ch2, [\*dc, dc inc\*] until all stitches are filled. Join and tie off.

Now is the time to weave in any ends from your hat. You could always finish your hat here if you want a solid color or to decorate on your own, but the main part of this pattern is in the decorating I have done!

## **Bee color changes**

### **Small hat:**

Row 1-3 Yellow.

Row 4 Black

Row 5 Yellow

Row 6 Black

Row 7 Yellow

Row 8 Black

Row 9 Yellow

Row 10 Black

Edging rows in yellow

### **Large hat:**

Row 1- 3 Yellow

Row 4-5 Black

Row 6-7 Yellow

Row 8-9 Black

Row 10-11 Yellow

Row 12-13 Black

Edging rows in yellow

### **Medium hat:**

Row 1-4 Yellow

Row 5 Black

Row 6 Yellow

Row 7 Black

Row 8 Yellow

Row 9 Black

Row 10 Yellow

Row 11 Black

Row 12 Yellow

Edging rows in yellow

**You can always change up the stripes to how you would prefer them or even make them thicker.**

The small hats have a circumference of 13-14 inches and is a good size for your typical newborn!

The medium sized hats have a circumference of 18-19 inches and will fit a 1-3 Year old child. My son is 3 and this size fits him just fine!

The Large size has a circumference of 20.5-22 inches and has fit every adult I have tried it on thus far.

Keep in mind that the nature of crochet fabric means it will stretch and have a bit of give to it.

Feel Free to try on the hat and decide if you need a deeper crown fit. Just add more of the crown row.

Edging rows do not affect how well the hat will sit on your head but may slightly obstruct your view if you make the hat too deep.

# Chicks

*Here I will keep all the instructions for each size separate.*

## *Small Hat*

Beak

With Orange you will make a slip knot and chain 4

We will be working in the round. Do not join rows.

Row 1: sc inc in second chain from the hook. Sc, sc 3 in the last chain.

Continuing down the other side of the chain for row 1:

sc 1, sc into the same space as the first sc inc, pm -8sc Total

Row 2: sc inc, sc 3, sc inc, sc 3, pm -10sc Total

Row 3: sc inc, sc 5, sc inc, sc 3, pm -12sc Total

Row 4: sc, slst and tie off leaving a long end to sew the beak on.

Squish it in half to flatten it out, as this is how it will be sewn on!

## *Eyes (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch 1 and sc 8 into the magic ring. Join and tie off leaving a long end to sew. Tighten the tail and weave it in.

## *Cheeks (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch1, sc 8 into the ring and pm -8sc Total

Row 2: Working in the round now! [\*sc inc, sc\*] 4x, pm -12sc Total

Row 3: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 6x, pm -18sc Total

Row 4: [\*sc 2, sc inc\*] 6x -24sc Total. Tie off leaving a long end to sew. Tighten the tail and weave it in.

Feel free to use felt pieces instead if you are not one to enjoy the making and sewing of smaller pieces!

As these are different sizes, I will leave it to you to pin and sew as you'd like! Stuff the cheeks lightly but don't stuff the beaks!

## *Medium Hat*

Beak

With orange you will make a slip knot and chain 6

We will be working in the round. Do not join rows.

Row 1: sc inc into second chain from the hook, sc 3, sc 3 into the last chain.

Continuing down the other side of the chain for row 1:

sc 3, sc into the same space as the first sc inc, pm -12sc Total

Row 2: sc inc, sc 5, sc inc, sc 5, pm -14sc Total

Row 3: sc inc, sc 7, sc inc, sc 5, pm -16sc Total

Row 4: sc inc, sc 8, sc inc, sc 6, pm -18sc Total

Row 5: sc, slst and tie off leaving a long end to sew. Squish it in half as this is how it will be sewn on!

## *Eyes (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch 1, sc 8 into the ring and pm -8sc Total

Row 2: [sc inc] 8x -16sc Total

Join and leave a long end for sewing. Tighten the tail and weave it in.

## *Cheeks (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch1, sc 8 into the ring and pm -8sc Total

Row 2: Working in the round now! [\*sc inc, sc\*] 4x, pm -12sc Total

Row 3: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 6x, pm -18sc Total

Row 4: [\*sc 2, sc inc\*] 6x, pm -24sc Total.

Row 5: sc 24 -24sc Total

Tie off leaving a long end to sew. Tighten the tail and weave it in.

## *Large Hat*

Beak

With orange you will make a slip knot and chain 8

We will be working in the round, do not join rows.

Row 1: sc inc into second chain from hook, sc 5, sc 3 into last chain.

Continuing down the other side of the chain for row 1:

sc 5, sc into the same space as the first sc inc, pm -16sc Total

Row 2: sc inc, sc 7, sc inc, sc 7, pm -18sc Total

Row 3: sc inc, sc 9, sc inc, sc 7, pm -20sc Total

Row 4: sc 2, sc inc, sc 9, sc inc, sc 7, pm -22sc Total

Row 5: sc 2, slst and tie off leaving a long end to sew. Squish it in half as this is how it will be sewn on!

## *Eyes (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch 1, sc 8 into the ring and pm -8sc Total

Row 2: [sc inc] 8x, pm -16sc Total

Row 3: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 8x -24sc Total

Join and leave a long end for sewing. Tighten the tail and weave it in.

## *Cheeks (Make 2)*

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch1, sc 8 into the ring and pm -8sc Total

Row 2: Working in the round now! [\*sc inc, sc\*] 4x, pm -12sc Total

Row 3: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 6x, pm -18sc Total

Row 4: [\*sc 2, sc inc\*] 6x, pm -24sc Total.

Row 5: sc 24 -24sc Total

Row 6: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 12x -38sc Total

Tie off leaving a long end to sew. Tighten the tail and weave it in. I like to stretch the large cheeks out a bit to flatten them a little more!

# Frog-Bee-Strawberry

Hey, Guess what! Now we get to make a bunch of circles! All of these will be listed with what row ends the size for each hat and part, just like for the hats!

## Strawberry stem

This will be the same for all of the strawberry sizes!

Row 1: ch 10 and slst into the first chain made to form a ring, being sure not to twist it [we will be working in the backside of this chain later].

[\*ch 8, sc in second chain from the hook, sc, hdc, dc 2, sc, slst into the first stitch from the ch 8. slst into the following two stitches on the very first chain\*] 5x, pm -75sc Total

This should have made 5 leaf starts working into the individual stitches of the chain 10 and not into the circle itself.

Row 2: The side of each leaf should have 7 stitches. Starting in the first stitch on the right side of the leaf [\* slst, sc, hdc 3, sc, slst into the last chain at the top of the leaf and the unworked chain at the tip from the ch 8, ch 3, slst into the third ch from the hook. slst into the other top side of the leaf [working down those other 7 stitches] sc, hdc 3, sc, slst into the last of the 7 on the left side of the leaf. 2 slst into the slsts from the previous round\*] 5x and tie off leaving a long end to sew on.

## Stem

Join into the other side of our first ch 10 in the center of the 5 leaf points. We work in the round.

Row 1: ch 1, sc 10, pm -10sc Total

Row 2: sc 10, pm -10sc Total

Row 3: sc dec, sc 3, sc dec, sc 3 -8sc Total

Row 4: sc 8 -8sc Total

Row 5: sc dec, sc 2. sc dec, sc 2 -6sc Total

Row 6-8: sc 6 -6sc Total

Row 9: sc dec, sc, sc dec, sc -4sc Total

Row 10: sc dec, ch 3, skp first ch from hook and slst down the last 2.

slst dec the remaining two stitches on stem and tie off.

## ALL OF THE ROUND BITS!!

Make a magic ring and ch 1 for all parts.

Tie off and leave a long end for sewing on all parts.

Row 1: sc 8 into the magic ring, pm -8sc Total

Tie off here for the size small frog pupil.

Row 2: sc inc in each stitch around, pm -16sc Total

Tie off here for the small frog iris, medium frog pupil and small frog cheeks.

Row 3: [\*sc inc, sc\*] 8x, pm -24sc Total

Tie off here for small frog eye back, medium frog iris, medium and large frog cheeks and large frog pupil.

Row 4: [\*sc inc, sc 2\*] 8x, pm -32sc Total

Tie off here for small bee wings, medium frog eye back, and large frog iris.

Row 5: [\*sc inc, sc 3\*] 8x, -40sc Total

Tie off here for large frog eye back, medium and large bee wings.

For adding the frogs mouth I had just slip stitched through the hat. You can also just sew it on. It takes me a few attempts for every frog mouth to sit right!



Again all the sewing is down to preference, besides how the eyes are sewn together that is! Stuff the stem with leftover yarn or fiber fill before sewing it on. I tend to sew in and out of the stitches rather than out and around them, just to keep it clean. For the strawberry hat seeds I just use matching thread doubled and sew them on wherever I think looks good. I tie each one individually and don't weave in the thread. After trying to use yarn for the seeds.. just trust me when I say this is easier and looks more tidy! Feel free to contact me on etsy if you have any questions and make sure to use my photos as reference!

# Photos



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