

What you need:

- 5mm or 6mm crochet hook for beanie (or size needed to obtain gauge)
- 4.5mm or 5mm crochet hook for spikes
- #5 chunky/bulky or #4 aran/worsted weight yarn in main colour and contrast colour/s for spikes
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Stitch markers

I use [Clover Amour](#) hooks

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Yarn Suggestions:

Aran/worsted weight yarn:

- Yarnsmiths Create Aran
- Stylecraft Special Aran
- Hayfield Bonus Aran
- Paintbox Simply Aran

Chunky/bulky weight yarn:

- Yarnsmiths Create Chunky
- Paintbox Simply Chunky
- Stylecraft Simply Chunky
- Premier Basix Chunky

Note: Within the #5 weight yarn classification there seems to be a wide range of thicknesses included. This pattern is written for a yarn on the lighter side of bulky.

The samples made by me were made using Stylecraft Special Chunky in shades Meadow and Pale Rose for the hats and yarn from my stash for the spikes

You can always use [YarnSub](#) to find suitable comparable yarns.

Stitch Abbreviations:

(US Terms)

Ch - chain

St - stitch/es

Sl st - slip stitch

SC - single crochet

HDC - half double crochet

BLO -back loop only

MR - magic ring

YO - yarn over

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

FO - fasten off

Stitch Conversions

US	UK
SC	DC
HDC	HTR

Yarn Amounts

Please note that these amounts are estimates based on a beanie made using Stylecraft Special Aran (196m/214yds per 100g) and Stylecraft Special Chunky (144m/157yds per 100g).

Yardage will depend largely on tension and yarn brand, I always recommend having a little bit extra than you think you'll need.

	0-3m	3-6m	6-12m	1-3yrs
Aran/ worsted	60g 118m	68g 133m	75g 147m	82g 161m
Chunky/ Bulky	75g 108m	80g 115m	88g 127m	93g 134m

	3-5yrs	5-10yrs	10+ yrs	Adult
Aran/ worsted	90g 177m	95g 183m	105g 206m	120g 236m
Chunky/ Bulky	100g 144m	110g 159m	120g 173m	155g 224m

You will need approximately 12-25g of yarn in your contrast colour/s for the spikes and you can use either aran or chunky yarn for these.

Gauge

Using aran/worsted weight and a 5mm hook
4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm)
15sts x 9 rows of HDCBLO

Using chunk/bulky weight and a 6mm hook
4" x 4" (10cm X 10cm)
14sts x 8 rows of HDCBLO

Gauge Swatch:

Using the appropriate hook size ch20.

Row 1: HDC into the second ch from your hook and in each stitch across. Ch1 and turn (19sts)

Row 2: HDCBLO into each stitch across. Ch1 and turn (19sts).

Row 3 - 12: Repeat row 2.

Measure the inside stitches to check your gauge.

Measurements

- Measurements given in inches.
- Width is measured across the middle of the beanie when laid flat.
- Height is measured from the top of the beanie to the bottom, best taken after you have worked a few rows to get an accurate reading.

in inches	Head Circumference	Width (as worked flat)	Height (as worked flat)	Folded Brim Allowance
0-3m	13.5-14.5"	13-13.5"	7.75"	1.5-2"
3-6m	15-15.5"	14-14.5"	8.25"	1.5-2"
6-12m	16-17"	15-16"	8.75"	2"
1-3yrs	17-18"	16-17"	9.5"	2"
3-5yrs	18-19"	17-18"	10"	2-2.5"
5-10yrs	19-20"	18-19"	10.5"	2-2.5"
10yrs +	20-21"	19-20"	11"	2.5"
Adult	22-23"	21-22"	12"	2.5"

Pattern Notes

- Stitch/row counts are provided here for each of the 8 sizes however you should aim to work towards the measurements given in the chart above to ensure a correct fit. If you are able to test the beanie on the intended wearer I would always recommend doing so before completing the seaming.
- Ch1 **does not** count as a stitch.
- Instructions are given for aran/worsted and chunky/bulky weight yarn but you can easily adapt this pattern to work with any yarn weight. Just select the appropriate hook size for your yarn and work to measurements provided.
- Your beanie will have a ‘top’ and a ‘bottom’ end as you are working. The ‘top’ is where you work the final 3 sts of the row as SC(BLO) rather than HDCBLO.
- The SCs at the top end of the beanie are there to help reduce bulk and create a neater finish once you join the hat together and cinch the top closed.
- To keep a nice neat edge along the brim of the beanie I recommend working the first/last main colour HDC through both loops instead of just in the back loop.
- When it comes to joining the two ends of the beanie together I recommend whip stitching for a neater finish but you could sl st them together if you prefer.
- When you cinch the top of the beanie closed I always find it helpful to sort of mould the top of the beanie to get as nice a finish as possible before I fully sew it closed.
- Be sure to count your stitches as you go because it can be easy to miss a stitch or HDC2TOG by accident.

The Dino Beanie (Aran/Worsted)

Using a **5mm** hook and your main colour.

Ch **30, 32, 34, 37, 40, 43, 45, 47**

Row 1 (RS):

SC into the 2nd chain from the hook and the next 2 sts along. HDC into each remaining chain across.

Ch1 and turn. (**29, 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 44, 46** sts)

Row 2 (WS):

HDC into the first stitch. HDCBLO into the next **25, 27, 29, 32, 35, 38, 40, 42** sts. Work 2 SCBLO and a SC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**29, 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 44, 46** sts)

Row 3 (RS):

SC into the first st, SCBLO into the next 2 sts. HDCBLO in each st across until you have one st remaining. HDC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**29, 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 44, 46** sts)

Row 4 (WS):

HDC into first stitch. HDCBLO in each st across until you have 3 sts remaining (these will be your SC sts). SCBLO in the next 2 sts and SC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**29, 31, 33, 36, 39, 42, 44, 46** sts)

Note: You will always work your SC sts into the SCs from the previous row and HDC sts into HDCs from the previous row. As you add more and more rows you will notice how the top of your beanie begins to taper in. This is exactly what you want!

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have a total of **36, 38, 40, 44, 46, 48, 48, 50** rows or until you have reached the desired width of your beanie (refer to the measurement chart).

Always try to finish on an even numbered row as this helps provide as close to a seamless finish as possible.

When fastening off leave a very long tail for seaming.

The Dino Beanie (Chunky/Bulky)

Using a **6mm** hook and your main colour.

Ch **27, 28, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41**

Row 1 (RS):

SC into the 2nd chain from the hook and the next 2 sts along. HDC into each remaining chain across.

Ch1 and turn. (**26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40** sts)

Row 2 (WS):

HDC into the first stitch. HDCBLO into the next **22, 23, 25, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36** sts. Work 2 SCBLO and a SC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40** sts)

Row 3 (RS):

SC into the first st, SCBLO into the next 2 sts. HDCBLO in each st across until you have one st remaining. HDC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40** sts)

Row 4 (WS):

HDC into first stitch. HDCBLO in each st across until you have 3 sts remaining (these will be your SC sts). SCBLO in the next 2 sts and SC into the final st.

Ch1 and turn. (**26, 27, 29, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40** sts)

Note: You will always work your SC sts into the SCs from the previous row and HDC sts into HDCs from the previous row. As you add more and more rows you will notice how the top of your beanie begins to taper in. This is exactly what you want!

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until you have a total of **30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 42** rows or until you have reached the desired width of your beanie (refer to the measurement chart).

Always try to finish on an even numbered row as this helps provide as close to a seamless finish as possible.

When fastening off leave a very long tail for seaming.

Quick Reference Chart

This table gives the bare bones of the pattern. I only recommend following this once you are familiar with making the ribbed beanie. The stitch count here includes both the HDCs and SCs.

Size	Starting Chain	Stitch Count	Row Count
0-3m	30	29	36
	27	26	30
3-6m	32	31	38
	28	27	32
6-12m	34	33	40
	30	29	34
1-3yrs	37	36	44
	33	32	36
3-5yrs	40	39	46
	35	34	38
5-10yrs	43	42	48
	37	36	40
10yrs +	45	44	50
	39	38	42
Adult	47	46	50
	41	40	42

The top row for each size is for aran/worsted weight yarn.

The bottom/shaded row is for chunky/bulky weight yarn.

Seaming

Fold your beanie, bringing your first and last row together, with the WS facing you. Using the long tail, whip stitch through the chain of row one and the back loop of each corresponding stitch on the final row. Fasten off.

(If you would prefer to slip stitch to join you can but this can be a slightly bulkier finish).

Taking a long strand of yarn in your main colour, attach it to the seam at the top of your beanie (SC end) and using a tapestry needle weave in and out of the top SC of each row around the top opening of your beanie. When you have worked all the way around pull the yarn to cinch the opening closed. Sew the opening to secure the closure.

You may wish to manually adjust the fabric at the top of the hat so that it sits neatly. I usually turn mine the right way around and check that I'm happy with it before I proceed to sewing the top fully closed and weaving in my ends.

Turn your beanie inside out so that the RS is now facing you and fold over your brim. Weave in any remaining ends.

For help with closing the top of your beanie you can watch this super quick tutorial of how I do mine

<https://youtube.com/shorts/72gIIDsnPOQ?si=6OfU1Dfdpo3KnxJ9>

Spikes - Aran/Worsted

Using a **4.5mm** hook and your contrast colour/s.

Small

Rnd 1:

4 SC into a MR. Sl st to join and ch1. (**4** sts)

Rnd 2:

SC into the first st, 2SC int the next st, SC, 2SC. Sl st to join and ch1. (**6** sts)

Rnd 3:

2SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (**12** sts)

Rnd 4:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (**12** sts)

Rnd 5:

SC into first 2 sts, 2SC in next st. Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Sl st to join and ch1. (**16** sts).

Rnds 6-7:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (**16** sts)

Large

Rnds 1-5:

Work as rounds 1-5 for small spike.

Rnd 6:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (**16** sts)

Rnd 7:

SC into first 3 sts, 2SC in next st. Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Sl st to join and ch1. (**20** sts)

Rnd 8:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join. (**20** sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail on each spike for attaching to the hat.

Sizes **0-3m** and **3-6m** make 3 small spikes.

Sizes **3-5yrs** and **5-10yrs** make 4 large spikes.

Size **6-12m** and **1-3yrs** make 4 small spikes.

Sizes **10yrs** + and **Adult** make 5 large spikes.

You can of course make as many spikes of whichever size you prefer or even a combination of the two, these are simply my recommendations.

Spikes - Chunky/Bulky

Using a **5mm** hook and your contrast colour/s.

Small

Rnd 1:

4 SC into a MR. Sl st to join and ch1. (4 sts)

Rnd 2:

SC into the first st, 2SC int the next st, SC, 2SC. Sl st to join and ch1. (6 sts)

Rnd 3:

2SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (12 sts)

Rnds 4-5:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (12 sts)

Large

Rnd 1:

4 SC into a MR. Sl st to join and ch1. (4 sts)

Rnd 2:

SC into the first st, 2SC int the next st, SC, 2SC. Sl st to join and ch1. (6 sts)

Rnd 3:

2SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (12 sts)

If making an adult hat
you may wish to repeat
rows 6 & 7 again for a
taller spike.

Rnd 4:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (12 sts)

Rnd 5:

SC into first 2 sts, 2SC in next st. Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Sl st to join and ch1. (16 sts).

Rnds 6-7:

SC into each st around. Sl st to join and ch1. (16 sts)

Fasten off leaving a long tail on each spike for attaching to the hat.

Sizes 0-3m and 3-6m make 3 small spikes.

Sizes 3-5yrs and 5-10yrs make 4 large spikes.

Size 6-12m and 1-3yrs make 4 small spikes.

Sizes 10yrs + and Adult make 5 large spikes.

You can of course make as many spikes of whichever size you prefer or even a combination of the two, these are simply my recommendations.

Attaching Spikes

To attach the spike I begin with the one that will go over the closure at the top of the beanie and then work the ones either side as I find this helps with placement.

Working the one over the closure is the trickiest as you are working through a thicker fabric. I recommend using a tapestry needle to hold the spike in place as you work the first few stitches to secure it in place.

When sewing the spikes to the hat I work as follows:

- Position the spike with the tail to one end
- Insert tapestry needle through the hat and come up through the opposite side of the spike.
- Insert the tapestry needle through both thicknesses of the spike and pull taut.
- Go back through the hat, under and up the opposite side.

Work in this way until you have sewn through all stitches along the bottom of the spike, keeping your stitches as close to the spike as possible so that the stitching is not visible.

Fasten off and weave in your ends.

When working the spikes either side of the top one, you can keep the hat folded so that it's easier to work the needle through both the hat and the spike. Try to work along the same row of the beanie to keep the spikes in line with one another.

Congratulations! You have finished your Dino Beanie!