Pet Chef Hat



Version and test status

Version 1.0 | October 10, 2026. Expanded reading draft based on the supplied pattern. This edition and its proposed corrections have not been physically crocheted, fitted or washed. The complete original photo and chart pages follow these instructions. They preserve the reference details and original wording.

Size and gauge

33 cm circumference; 14 cm high. Stated dimensions are reference targets, not independently measured results. 12 sc and 13 rows per 10 cm. Work a swatch larger than 10 cm square, let it rest, and count a central 10 cm section without stretching. Change hook size and remake the swatch if needed. Measure the finished piece as described below.

Materials

White medium-weight yarn: the reference gives 85 yd/78 m, from a 364 yd/333 m per 198 g ball. Treat this as a stated allowance, not measured usage for this edition. Start with a 5.5 mm hook, plus yarn needle, two markers, scissors and measuring tape.

US stitch terms

Ch = chain; sc = single crochet; dc = double crochet; sl st = slip stitch; inc = 2 sc in one base stitch; dc2tog = work two incomplete dc in consecutive stitches and finish them together; BLO = back loop only; RS/WS = right/wrong side. Numbers in parentheses are resulting stitch counts. Turning chains do not count unless the row explicitly says so. Secure and weave in each tail rather than leaving loose strands.

Construction and band count

Work the band flat across 7 stitches, join the short ends, then crochet around the long upper edge. The original says repeat row 2 another 35 times and also says 36 rows total; those instructions conflict. This draft uses 36 rows total, with row 2 repeated 34 more times, to match the stated 36-stitch pickup. This is a proposed correction, not confirmed errata.

Ribbing and join

Start	Ch 8.
Row 1	Sc in the second chain and the next 6 chains. Turn. (7)
Row 2	Ch 1, sc BLO in each of the 7 stitches. Turn. (7)
Rows 3-36	Repeat row 2 for 34 further rows. There are 36 rows in total, each with 7 sc.
Join	Do not cut yarn. Place the WS together, aligning the foundation and last row. Sc through both layers across all 7 stitches. Keep yarn attached.

Hat body

Round 1	Turn the ribbing sideways. Ch 1, pick up 1 sc into each of the 36 row ends around its top edge. Sl st to first sc. (36)
Round 2	Ch 1, 2 sc in every sc. Sl st to first sc. (72)
Rounds 3-6	Ch 3, counting as the first dc. Dc in the next 71 stitches. Sl st to the top of the ch 3. (72 each round)
Round 7	Ch 3 counts as the first dc, dc in next stitch, dc2tog over next 2 stitches. Repeat (dc in next 2 stitches, dc2tog) 17 more times. Join. (54)
Round 8	Ch 3 counts as first dc, dc2tog over next 2 stitches. Repeat (dc, dc2tog) 17 more times. Join. (36)
Round 9	Ch 2; yarn over, insert in next stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2, then yarn over and pull through the last 2. This beginning decrease spans the first 2 base stitches. Dc2tog 17 more times. Join to first decrease. (18)

Cut a long tail, thread it through the remaining 18 stitches, gather the crown and secure the opening without a loose loop.

Ties and finish

With the band seam at centre back, lay the hat flat and mark its two side edges. Join white yarn at one marker, ch 25, fasten off and secure the end. Repeat at the second marker. These are the reference chain ties; their length is not an independently measured size. Keep them as display details if they can tighten around a neck, snag or reach the mouth. Do not depend on tight ties to keep a hat on.

Measure and adapt

Measure the band circumference relaxed and crown height from band base to top. The 33 cm circumference is not predicted by the sc row gauge: BLO ribbing has its own row gauge. For a display rescale, work a 7-stitch BLO strip and measure rows per centimetre. Proposed row count = target relaxed circumference x measured ribbing rows/cm, rounded to a multiple of 6. At N rows, pick up N stitches, double to 2N, then the three crown decrease rounds produce 3N/2, N and N/2 stitches. The worked version remains N=36. A different N requires a full sample, new height measurement and new yardage record. No universal head ease is claimed.

Finishing, care and troubleshooting

Check counts before moving to the next shaping round. If the crown twists, check the join and whether a turning chain was counted twice. If an opening is too small or an edge curls, pause and check gauge and stitch placement rather than stretching it onto a head. Secure seams, remove pins and hide loose ends. Follow the exact yarn care label and test cleaning on spare fabric first. Finished washability and colourfastness have not been verified for this edition; keep glued or elastic components out of any untested heat or wash cycle. Record actual dimensions, yarn used and changes in your sample notes.

Animal-contact limits

These are decorative crochet projects, not restraint, walking or identification equipment. Keep nose, mouth, eyes and ear movement unobstructed. Avoid enclosed head costumes and dressing cats up; display use is a practical alternative. For a dog already accustomed to clothing, any brief fitting needs close supervision and immediate removal if the dog freezes, paws at the item or tries to remove it. Ties, elastic, rings and bobbles can snag or be swallowed. Never secure the accessory by tightening it around the neck or fastening it through a breakaway collar release. The pattern has not been tested as protective warmth or sun equipment.

Reference pages

Complete original photographs, charts and instructions follow. Proposed corrections above remain untested.



MEDIUM 4

CROCHET I SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain(s)
Dc = Double crochet
Dc2tog = (Yoh and draw up a loop in next stitch. Yoh and draw a loop through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
Rem = Remain(ing)
Rep = Repeat
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
RS = Right side
Sc = Single crochet
Scbl = Single crochet in back loop only
Sl st = Slip stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Tog = Together
WS = Wrong side
Yoh = Yarn over hook

MATERIALS

Red Heart® Super Saver™ (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m)
White (0311) **1 ball or 85 yds/78 m**
Note: 1 ball will make 4 Hats.

Size U.S. I/9 (5.5 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® crochet hook **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Susan Bates® yarn needle. Susan Bates® stitch markers.

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 13" [33 cm] circumference x 5½" [14 cm] high.

GAUGE

12 sc and 13 rows = 4" [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

Ribbing: Ch 8.
See diagram on page 2.
1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 7 sc.
2nd row: Ch 1. 1 scbl in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row 35 times more. 36 rows total.
Do not fasten off.

Join ribbing: Holding WS tog and working through both thicknesses of foundation ch and last row of ribbing, work 1 sc in each sc to end of row. **Do not** fasten off.

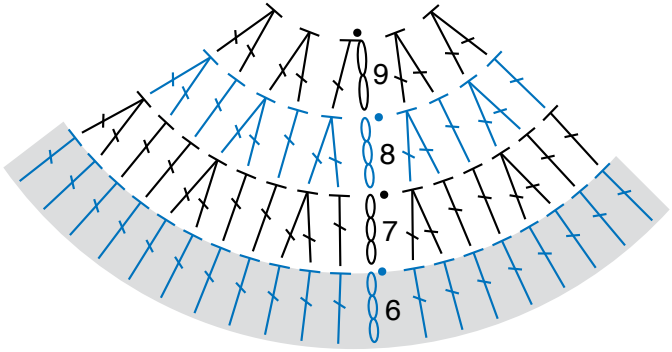
Turn Ribbing sideways to work along straight top edge of Ribbing.

Hat Body
See diagram on page 2.
1st rnd: Ch 1. Work 36 sc around straight top edge of Ribbing. (1 sc into side of each row of ribbing). Join with sl st to first sc. 36 sc.

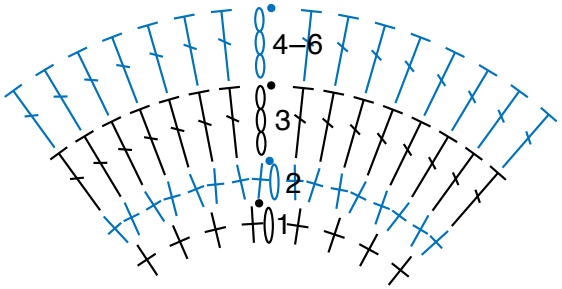
2nd rnd: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. 72 sc.
3rd to 6th rnds: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout). 1 dc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of beg ch 3.

Shape top: 7th rnd: Ch 3. 1 dc in next dc. Dc2tog. *1 dc in each of next 2 dc. Dc2tog. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 54 sts.
8th rnd: Ch 3. Dc2tog. *1 dc in next dc. Dc2tog. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. 36 sts.
9th rnd: *Ch 2. Yoh and draw up a loop in next st. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice* – beg dc2tog made. *Dc2tog. Rep from * around. Join with sl st to top of first st. 18 sts.
Fasten off, leaving a long end.
Thread end through rem sts and draw up tightly. Fasten to secure.

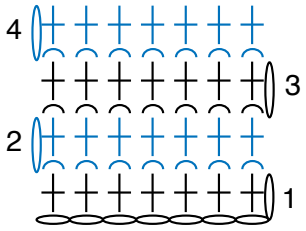
Ties
Lay Hat flat with seam of Ribbing at center back and place markers at each side edge of Ribbing.
Join yarn with sl st at marker. Ch 25.
Fasten off.
Rep for second Tie.



HAT BODY
1st–6th Rnds



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1st–6th Rnds



RIBBING
1st–4th Rows

STITCH KEY
= chain (ch)
= slip stitch (sl st)
= single crochet (sc)
= double crochet (dc)
= double crochet 2 together (dc2tog)
= worked in back loop only