

# Thick and Quick Hat

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Materials: Wool Ease Thick and Quick, 1 skein wheat and an ounce or so of claret (or other contrasting yarn) , N-13 (9mm) hook, large eye needle for sewing ends in (*Note that this pattern is written for a very bulky yarn. If you use a worsted or lighter yarn it will come out VERY small and the slope might not be right, depending on your tension.*)



## Instructions:

We're going to use the adjustable ring to begin. If you don't know how to do that, you can see detailed instructions at <http://www.crochetcabana.com/tutorials/in-the-round.htm>. Basically you pull the yarn through a loop. Some folks wrap the yarn around several times, but this yarn is so thick, once is plenty. If you prefer not to use the adjustable ring, just ch 4 and join with a slip stitch. The hat will look the same regardless of which method you use.

All rounds will be worked on right side. No turning.

Make adjustable ring (or chain and join) with wheat.

Rnd 1: chain 2 or 3, whatever you like for your double crochet. I use ch-2. Make 11 more double crochets in the center ring, join with a slip stitch to top chain in beginning chain (*12 stitches total*). You can pull your ring a bit tighter now if you're using the adjustable ring. That will almost close your hole.

Rnd 2: ch 2 to bring to height, work 1 dc in same stitch, then work 2 dc in each stitch around, (*24 stitches total*), join with a slip stitch to top chain in beginning chain. So far we've done just a normal increase to keep a round piece flat in dc

Now we want to start a gradual slope so our hat can be worn by folks who don't have a flat head. LOL (Yes, I tried it differently and the top was way too flat. It looked funny. More like a toilet paper roll cover. (If you want a toilet paper roll cover, I can write that up too. hee hee)

You want to increase, but you don't want it to lie flat. An increase of 12 stitches each round makes it lie flat, so we're going to increase by only 6 stitches. 24 divided by 6 is four, so we need to place our increase at the 4th stitch. *Remember that the ch-2 counts as your first stitch of the round.*

Rnd 3: ch 2, work 1 dc in each of the next 2 stitches, work 2 dc in next stitch (that's your increase), (dc in each of the next 3 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 times) (*30 stitches total*), join claret yarn with a slip stitch in top of beg ch. (In other words, insert hook in top chain of beg chain, yarn over with claret, and pull claret through both loops. You don't have to cut wheat and join claret.)

In fact, you don't have to cut the wheat at all as we're only doing one round with the claret. You can catch up that wheat on the next round. It will just barely show and it will be on the inside of the hat anyway. If you WANT to cut and weave it in, you certainly can.

We're going to do another gradual increase. You now have 30 stitches. 30 divided by 6 is 5. We want our increase in every 5th stitch for this round.

Rnd 4: with claret, ch 2, dc in each of the next 3 double crochets, 2 dc in next stitch, (dc in ea of the next 4 dcs, 2 dc in next stitch) around (5 times), (*36 stitches*), join wheat with slip stitch

Rnd 5: with wheat, ch 2, dc in each stitch around, join with a slip stitch to top of beginning chain. Make sure you continue to work on the right side of your hat. If it starts to bow in (which it will), make sure the inside is, well, inside. :-)(*36 stitches*)

Rnd 6-7: repeat round 5. At end of round 7, change to claret (*36 stitches*)

Rnd 8: ch 1, single crochet in next stitch and in each stitch around, when you get to the first ch-1, insert hook in the chain 1, grab wheat and pull through

Rnd 9: with wheat, ch 1, single crochet in next stitch and in each stitch around. When you get to the chain 1, cut yarn about 8" from end.

Pull yarn through last stitch, thread in large eye needle, Insert hook in first single crochet (it will be to your left) (NOT the ch-1), from front to back, through BOTH loops, then bring strand around and insert in back loop only of last single crochet made, from front to back (but only through the back loop). Weave threads in.

You should not be able to tell where you finished off. This is a slightly altered version of the invisible finish off.

This hat fit snugly on my head, just covering my ears. I do have a small head - so I'm told. To make it larger you could use a Q hook instead of an N, or you could do an additional increase row. If you increase 12 on row 3, note that it will throw off the other calculations, so you'll have to adjust.