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# "The Steel Beanie"

## SIZE

This hat is designed to fit most adult heads.

## YOU WILL NEED

180yd/165m of worsted weight yarn in steel gray

Hook: 4.5mm/ G-7 or size needed to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

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## GAUGE

Take time to check your gauge.

First 5 rnds = 4"/10cm diameter

12 hdc = 4"/10cm

## NOTES

Half double crochet stitches are worked in the spaces between stitches, not in the top of stitches. The first space is between the beginning chain of the previous round and the next half double crochet.

# HAT

With steel gray yarn; ch 2, join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

**Rnd 1:** ch 2 (9 counts as first hdc here and throughout), work 5 hdc in ring; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (6hdc).

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, hdc in first space between sts, \*2hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-1 (12 hdc).

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2, hdc in first 2 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts, \*hdc in next space between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around to last space, skip last space; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (17 hdc).

**Rnd 4:** ch 2, hdc in first 3 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts, \*hdc in next 2 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around to last space, skip last space; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (22hdc).

**Rnd 5:** Ch 2, hdc in first 4 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts, \*hdc in next 3 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around to last space, skip last space; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (27 hdc).

**Rnd 6:** Ch 2, hdc in first 5 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts, \*hdc in next 4 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around to last space, skip last space; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (32 hdc).

**Rnd 7:** Ch 2, hdc in first 6 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts, \*hdc in next 5 spaces between sts, 2 hdc in next space between sts; repeat from \* around to last space, skip last space, join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2 (37 hdc).

**Rnds 8-12:** Continue as established, working one more hdc between increases in each round.

**Rnds 13-24:** Ch2, hdc in each space around ; join with sl st in top of beginning ch-2.

Fasten off.

Enjoy!

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