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# THE ALMOST NEWSBOY HAT

## By TANGLED IN YARN CROCHET

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## Materials

- Main Color: 1 skein (approx. 115 g or 60 yds) of super bulky yarn
- Brim Color (optional): ¼ skein (approx. 35 g or 20 yds) of super bulky yarn
- US M hook / 9 mm
- US K hook / 6.5 mm
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker

## Finished Size

- The finished hat will have circumference of approximately 21 inches, and will fit a head circumference of 21 – 23” (an adult or older teen)

## Stitch Abbreviations

- hdc: half double crochet
- sc: single crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- ch: chain
- ch sp: chain space
- st or sts: stitch/ stitches

## Gauge

After completing Round 3 of the pattern, measure the diameter of your circle by placing a measuring tape from one edge to the other. It should at this point measure 5 inches across.

*If it's less than 5 inches, rip it out, and go up one hook size for the hat. (You'd use an N/P, or 10 mm, hook.) I recommend keeping the K hook for the brim.*

*If it's more than 5.5 inches, rip it out, and go down a hook size for the hat (use an L/8 mm hook). I also recommend dropping down to a J hook for the brim.*

## Notes

**IMPORTANT!** Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of every round. If you don't have stitch markers, use a safety pin or a scrap of yarn.

Magic ring: if you are not familiar with this technique, Google “crochet magic ring”. Many tutorials are available online, and it's a useful tool to have in your crochet arsenal! 😊

\*\* Anything between asterisks means to repeat it as many times as instructed in the pattern



## The Pattern - Hat

Check gauge after completing round 3 (it should be 5 inches, see notes on gauge above). Use a stitch marker to mark the first stitch of every round!

Make a magic circle. Ch 1.

Round 1: sc 1, hdc 7 within circle. Tighten ring. (8 sts)

Round 2: (Note: do not sl st) hdc 2 in sc, and hdc 2 in every st remaining in round (16 hdc)

Round 3: hdc 2 in 1st hdc of prev round. \*1 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st\* around to last remaining st. 1 hdc in last st (5" in diameter, 24hdc)

Round 4: 1 hdc in 1st hdc of prev round, 1 hdc in next, \*2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 2 stitches\* until last remaining st, 2 hdc in last st (32 hdc)

Round 5: 1 hdc in 1st hdc of prev round, 1 hdc in each st around (32 hdc)

Rounds 6, 7, 8, 9, 10: repeat Round 5

Round 11: 1 hdc in 1st st of prev round, hdc around until only 1 st remaining, sc in last st, sl st to 1st hdc of round, fasten off



## The Pattern — Brim

Switch to smaller hook. With right side facing, join new yarn color if so desired.

Round 1: ch 1, sc 2 into same stitch as ch 1. \*1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st\* 5 times. Sl st into next 2 ch sp. Ch 1, turn (17 sc)

Round 2: hdc into 2nd sl st from hook. \*sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st\* 5 times. sc in next st of last 2 sts. (22 sts) sl st in last sc, sl st in ch sp to the left of last sc. Ch 1, turn.

Round 3: sc 1 in sl st to left of hook. 1 sc in each of next 22 sts. sl st in next 2 sts. Ch 1, do not turn!

Final Round: Switch to larger hook. Evenly sc around entire hat. Sl st to first sc of round. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends with yarn needle.