

Binnacle Watch Cap

Finished size approximately 7 1/2 " long

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Skill Level: Easy
Yarn: Bulky weight, 105 yards
 I used 1 skein of Malabrigo Chunky in colorway VAA. Please note that this hat uses an entire full skein (I had only about a yard and a half left over). A second yarn option that yields good results is Lion Brand Wool-Ease Chunky.
Hook: L-12 (8.0 mm)
Gauge: After Round 11, your hat should measure 7 1/2" in diameter.
Abbr.:
 ch = chain
 sc = single crochet
 fpdc = front post double crochet
 bpdc = back post double crochet
 decr = sc decrease 2 st to 1 (Insert hook into next st, yo and pull up a loop. Insert hook into next st, yo, pull up a loop. Yo and pull through all the lps on hook. 1 sc decr made.)
 sl st = slip stitch
 st = stitch
 rep = repeat

Instructions are written in U.S. crochet terms.

This pattern is worked in the round and joined at the end of each round.

Round 1 (RS): Start by making a magic circle and working 6 sc into the ring. Join with sl st into first sc. Alternatively, you can ch 2 and work 6 sc into the 1st ch, then join with a sl st into the first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1. 2 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. (12 sc)

Round 3: Ch 1. *1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc.*
 Repeat from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. (18 sc)

Round 4: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 2 sc. 2 sc in next

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sc.* Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. (24 sc)

Round 5: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 3 sc. 2 sc in next sc.* Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. (30 sc)

Round 6: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 4 sc. 2 sc in next sc.* Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. (36 sc)

Round 7: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 5 sc. 2 sc in next sc.* Rep from * around. Join with sl st to first sc. (42 sc)

Round 8: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. (42 sc)

Round 9: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 6 sc. 2 sc in next sc.* Rep from * around. (48 sc)

Round 10: Ch1. 1 sc in each sc around. Join with sl st to first sc. (48 sc)

Round 11: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 6 sc. 2 sc in next sc.* Rep * until 6 st remain. Sc in each of six remaining st. (54 sc)

Rounds 12-18: Ch 3, *fpdc 1 (first fpdc goes in below ch 3 just made, thus pushing that ch 3 to the back), bpdcc 2.* Rep * until 1 st remains. Bpdcc in last st. Sl st into/behind first fpdc (completing pushing ch 3 to the back). Note: If the hat isn't long enough for your taste, do another round or two before proceeding to Round 19.

Round 19: Ch 1. *Sc 6, decr 1.* Rep * to end. Join with sl st to 1st sc. Fasten off. Weave in all ends. Block if desired.

Size Customization: The simplest way to make this hat larger or smaller is to change the hook size. Go up a hook size (or two) for a larger hat. If you use a very large hook (N or higher) you may not need all of the sc or post stitch rows. Go down a hook size (or two) for a smaller hat. If you use a smaller hook, you may have to do an extra round or two of either the sc rounds and/or the post stitch rounds. You may also choose to do fewer (or more) of the sc rounds so that the diameter of the hat is smaller (or larger) before you start the post stitch rounds.

Finished Objects: I would love to see your FO! E-mail me a picture at cathycrochets@hookedupcrochet.com. Or, if you post the FO online, e-mail me a link. Enjoy!