

Rook Hat

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For this hat you will need:

Yarn: 1 to 2 skeins of a self-striping yarn like Noro Kureyon or SWTC Karaoke. 1 skein will make an adult S/M size, 2 skeins an adult M/L size. Adapting for a larger size is explained in the pattern.

Hook: size K

Removable stitch marker

Size & Gauge:

Kureyon: 2.75 sc over 1": makes a hat that would fit a 22"-23" circumference head.

Karaoke: 3 sc over 1", makes a hat that would fit a 21"-22" circumference head.

Terms: sl st = slip stitch, sc = single crochet, dc = double crochet, pm = place marker, ch = chain

The Pattern:

It's called "Rook", because the stitch pattern reminded my boyfriend of the top of the chess piece. This was written specifically for self-stripping yarn, with the intention that it add a little fun texture and color displacement along the stripes.

The color changes in the yarn dictate when to move from one part of the pattern to the other.

Ch 4, join with a sl st to the 1st chain to form a loop.

- 1) Pm (through the loop currently on the hook, to mark beginning of round), work 6 sc in the loop.
- 2) Pm, 2 sc in every stitch around.
- 3) Pm, *1 sc in the next st, 2 sc in the following st* around.
- 4) Pm, *1 sc in each of the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the following st* around.
- 5) Pm, *1 sc in each of the next 3 sts, 2 sc in the following st* around.
- 6) Pm, *1 sc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the following st* around.
- 7) Pm, *1 sc in each of the next 5 sts, 2 sc in the following st* around.
- 8) Pm, *1 sc in each of the next 6 sts, 2 sc in the following st* around.

If you want a bigger hat, add another round or two of increases here.

Even Rounds:

Sc in each st around for about 5 rounds or until you notice your yarn has totally changed to a different color. You may be in the middle of a round; it doesn't matter. Immediately go to **V Round**.

V Round:

Pm, *sc in the next st, dc into the space 2 rows below the next st* around, ending with dc into the space 2 rows below the next st.

Pictures for illustration of the V round:

The toothpick is indicating the space into which you dc. (It's 2 rows down and a bit to the left)



Insert hook into this space, draw up a loop of yarn and continue to work a dc as usual.

Continue the pattern by working more **Even Rounds** until the color changes again, then working another **V Round**. Repeat until you run out of yarn.

If you have a few skeins of the same yarn, you can make a matching reversible **Rook Scarf**.

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