Hooked on You Ponytail Hat

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Skill Level
Advanced Beginner

Materials
- 75g of 100% acrylic, worsted weight yarn. I used less than 1 skein of Mary Maxim Starlette Worsted Weight yarn in Red Wine
- 5mm and 8mm crochet hook or size to obtain gauge
- 5 Stitch markers
- Hair elastic
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Gauge
8 stitches x 10 rows = 2" (5cm) square
Pattern used for gauge: slip stitch blo (Brim) 5mm hook

Sizes
Adult = 9" (23cm) tall by 8" (20cm) wide
Fits an average sized teen or woman’s head (21-23" 53-58cm circumference)

Abbreviations
CH - Chain
SC – Single Crochet
HDC – Half-double Crochet
HDC2TOG - Half-double Crochet 2 Together
SLST – Slip Stitch
ST(S) – Stitch(es)
SK – Skip
BLO - Back Loop Only
Rnd – Round

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Notes

- The brim of this hat is created using a slip stitch to make a super stretchy, comfy brim. Do not ch1 at the beginning of each row, simply turn your work and continue. This prevents having a gap in the edge of your brim and leaves a cleaner looking edge.

- When working the slip stitches use a very loose tension so that you will be able to easily slide your hook in the next row of stitches.

- This hat is worked from the brim up with the body of the hat being worked in the round.

- Ch1 at the beginning of each round does not count as a stitch.

- If you have any difficulty completing this pattern, please feel free to email Another Mum Fights the Dust at Amy@anothermumfightsthedust.com

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**Pattern Instructions**

**BRIM**

Using 5mm hook, CH 9

Row 1: SLST in first CH from hook, SLST in each ST across (8 STS)

Row 2: Turn, SLST in BLO of first ST, and in each ST across.
Repeat Row 2 until work measures 17" (43cm) unstretched.

Fold brim in half and SLST both ends together. Turn right side out, CH 1 and continue to body working along edge of brim.
BODY

Continue with 5mm hook

**Rnd 1:** 65 SC evenly around the top edge of brim. (To spread the stitches evenly around the brim, SC into the top of every other row and 2SC in every 4th ST around) SLST to join in top of first SC (65 STS)  "See photo 1 on next page"

**Rnd 2:** CH 1, HDC in each ST around. SLST to join in top of first HDC.

**Rnd 3:** Switch to 8mm hook. CH 1, SLST in each ST around. Place stitch marker in first ST to mark place.

**Rnd 4-8:** SLST in BLO of each ST around. Move stitch marker at the end of each Rnd to mark place.  "See photo 2 on next page"

**Rnd 9:** Switch to 5mm hook. CH 1, HDC in BLO of each ST around. SLST to join.

**Rnd 10-17:** Repeat Rnds 2-9

**Rnd 18-24:** Repeat Rnds 2-8

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Photo 1

Photo 2

Insert hook into Back loop only (BLO)

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BODY CONT'D

Continue with 5mm hook

Rnd 25: CH 1, working in BLO, HDC in the first ST, 1HDC2TOG, *1HDC2TOG, 2 HDC* Repeat from * to * around until last 2 STS. HDC 2TOG, SLST to join. (48 STS)

Rnd 26-27: CH 1, HDC in first 2 STS, *HDC2TOG, HDC* Repeat from * to * around to last ST, HDC, SLST to join. (33, 23 STS)

Rnd 28: CH1, HDC in first ST, *HDC2TOG, HDC* Repeat from * to * around to last ST, HDC, SLST to join. (16 STS)

Rnd 29: Holding hair elastic inside the rim of the top hole, CH 1, SC in each ST around, being sure to stitch around hair elastic in each stitch. Tie off and weave in ends.

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Hi! I'm Amy, Crochet Designer, Mom of 4, and Blogger at Another Mum Fights the Dust.

I have been crocheting for 10+ years, but it wasn't until recently that I started designing and writing my own patterns. I wanted a place where I could share my creations, and connect with other makers. A place where I can share the challenges of raising a family and striving towards a healthy marriage and home. For me, being creative has helped me maintain my sense of self and gives me a break at the end of a long day.

I hope I can inspire you as you come along on the journey of finding your creativity and fighting the dust day after day.

Happy Crocheting!
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