

Easy Crochet Hat Keychain Pattern

(Scrap Yarn – Beginner Friendly Project)

This easy crochet hat keychain is a perfect scrap-yarn project and a quick handmade gift idea. It uses only basic stitches and simple rounds, making it ideal for beginners.

Skill Level

Beginner

Materials

- Cotton yarn (2 colors – main + contrast)
 - 2.5 mm crochet hook
 - Tapestry / yarn needle
 - Scissors
 - Keychain clip
 - Small amount of fiberfill (optional)
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Finished Size

Approx. 6–7 cm wide (depending on tension)

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- MR – Magic Ring
 - ch – chain
 - sl st – slip stitch
 - sc – single crochet
 - dc – double crochet
 - inc – increase (2 stitches in same stitch)
 - st(s) – stitch(es)
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PART 1 – Hat Top Circle

Round 1

MR

Ch 2 (does NOT count as a stitch)

Work **18 dc** into the ring
→ 18 dc total

Pull ring tight.
Sl st to first dc to complete the round.

✓ Keep stitches evenly spaced so the circle stays flat.

PART 2 – Hat Body

Round 2

Ch 1 (does NOT count)
Starting in same stitch, work **18 sc around**
Sl st to first sc
→ 18 sc

Round 3

Ch 1
Sc in each stitch around
Sl st to first sc
→ 18 sc

Rounds 4–7

Repeat Round 3 for **4 additional rounds**
Each round = 18 sc

✓ This builds the height of the hat.
Keep your tension steady so the sides stay straight and do not flare outward.

After Round 7, sl st to first sc to complete.

You now have a firm cylindrical shape.

PART 3 – Hat Brim

Round 8

Ch 2 (does NOT count)
Dc in same stitch
Work **2 dc in each stitch around**
→ 36 dc total

✓ The brim will naturally flare slightly.
This is intentional and gives the hat its shape.

Fasten off.
Make an invisible join to the first dc for a clean finish.

PART 4 – Contrast Slip Stitch Outline

Attach contrast yarn into **the last round of single crochets (hat body round)** — not into the brim.

Sl st into each stitch around evenly.

Work loosely.

Fasten off.
Make an invisible join into first slip stitch.

✓ These slip stitches create the decorative “V” texture.

PART 5 – Decorative Edge

Attach main color on top of any dc from the brim.

Repeat around:

Ch 1
Sl st into next stitch

Ch 1
Sl st into next stitch

Continue until end.

✓ Keep these slip stitches loose.
Tight slip stitches will cause the brim to curl upward.

After last sl st:
Ch 1
Leave long tail for attaching keychain clip
Fasten off
Make invisible join

Attach keychain clip securely.

PART 6 – Mini Bow

Round 1

MR
Ch 2
2 dc into ring
Ch 2
Sl st into ring

Ch 2
2 dc into ring
Ch 2
Sl st into ring

Ch 1
Fasten off leaving long tail

Pull ring tight.
Wrap tail around center to shape bow.
Secure and sew onto hat.

✓ Stitch through both layers so it stays secure.

OPTIONAL – Shaped & Stuffed Top (Professional Finish)

This insert matches the original 18-stitch hat top.

Round 1

MR
Ch 1 (does NOT count)
9 sc into ring
Sl st to first sc
→ 9 sc

Round 2

Ch 1
Inc around (2 sc in each stitch)
→ 18 sc total

✓ This matches the 18 dc from the original hat top.

Sl st to first stitch.
Ch 1
Fasten off leaving sewing tail.

Lightly stuff.
Sew inside the hat top for a clean, structured look.

Finishing Tips

- Always use invisible joins for professional results
- Hide yarn tails inside the hat
- Work slip stitches loosely
- Cotton yarn holds shape best
- Even tension = smoother structure