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Spaghetti & Meatballs Dog Hat

Crochet Pattern



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The Rachael Ray Show

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Measurements: This pattern is made to size based on your dog's measurements. Gauge does not matter.

Materials

- 4.5mm crochet hook
- Stitch marker
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Worsted weight yarn in 3 colors (cream, red, and brown)
- Stuffing
- Measuring tape
- Elastic stretch cord (or scrap yarn) for hat strap
- Floral leaves for "basil" [optional]



Materials used in this project

- Big Twist Value in Cream
- Caron One Pound in Claret
- Lion Brand Yarns Skein Tones in Cocoa
- Vonker Elastic Stretch Cord 0.8mm for hat strap
- Fairfield Poly-Fil Fiber Fill stuffing

Abbreviations

mr	magic ring
st(s)	stitch(es)
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase
dec	decrease
sl st	slip stitch
rnd	round
()	total number of stitches at the end of the round are shown between round brackets (...)
[]	repeat instructions between square brackets [...] as many times as indicated in pattern instructions

Notes:

- This project is completed in continuous rounds
- To avoid stacked increases, split up the even increase rows (for example, instruction [sc 2, inc] x 6 – start round with 1 sc instead of 2; row will end with 1 sc instead of an increase)

Base – The base size is determined by the size of your dog’s head.

Smaller sizes will likely not need to be increased beyond round 5.
Medium sizes will likely not need to be increased beyond round 8.
Only larger sizes will need to be increased to round 9 or 10.

Determine your needed size by checking the base on your dog’s head;
it should sit on top of the head and should not cover your dog’s ears.



Round	Instruction	Stitch Count
rnd 1	using 4.5mm hook and cream worsted weight yarn, start 6 sc in MR	(6)
rnd 2	[inc] x 6	(12)
rnd 3	[sc 1, inc] x 6	(18)
rnd 4	[sc 2, inc] x 6	(24)
rnd 5	[sc 3, inc] x 6	(30)
rnd 6	[sc 4, inc] x 6	(36)
rnd 7	[sc 5, inc] x 6	(42)
rnd 8	[sc 6, inc] x 6	(48)
rnd 9	[sc 7, inc] x 6	(54)
rnd 10	[sc 8, inc] x 6	(60)
FINAL RND (rnd # varies)	sc around Skip this final round on your second base if making for a polished finish. Fasten off and leave long tail for sewing. See hat assembly step six for clarification.	(same # of stitches as your previous round)

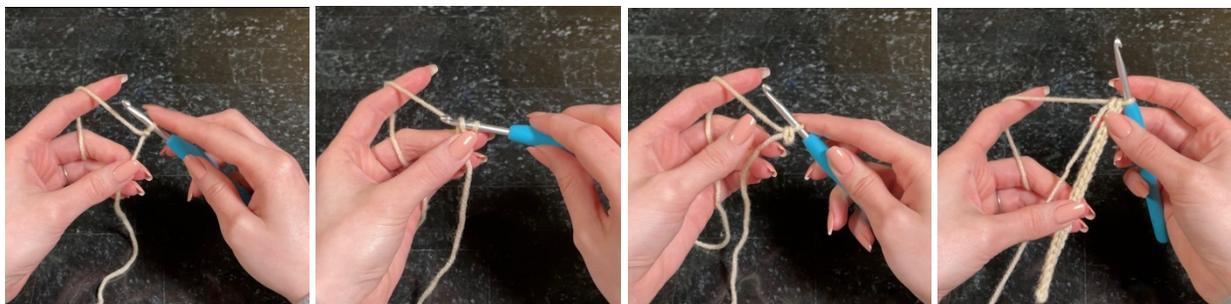
Fasten off, weave in end of last round. DO NOT WEAVE IN
CENTER TAIL YET – NEEDED FOR ASSEMBLY

Spaghetti

The spaghetti strands are wrapped up foundation cords. (See images on next page).

1. Using 4.5mm hook and cream worsted weight yarn, make a slip knot. Leave a very long tail (3 to 5-foot tail for small sizes, 6 to 8-foot tail for medium sizes, and 8 to 10-foot tail for larger sizes)
2. Wrap the tail around the hook (two loops on hook)
3. Using working end, yarn over and pull through both loops on hook
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until remaining tail is about 4 inches long
5. Fasten off working end, leaving a 4-inch tail. Tie working end and tail together. Give the strand a good stretch.
6. Hold the end with both tails between your thumb and fingers and wrap the spaghetti strand around your fingers (**for smaller sizes, only wrap around 2-3 fingers**). Tie the two ends around your wrapped strand to complete your “clump of spaghetti”.
7. Do not weave in your ends yet; needed for assembly.

Make 2-3 clumps for smaller sizes, 3-4 clumps for medium sizes, and 4-5 clumps for larger sizes.



To make your foundation cord, make a slip knot, leaving as long of a tail as indicated in the pattern. Wrap the tail over the hook (two loops on hook), then using the working end, yarn over and pull through both loops. Repeat until tail end is about 4 inches. Fasten off and tie ends together.



Wrap strand around your fingers between the two tails (for smaller sizes, only wrap around 2-3 fingers). Tie your ends around your wrapped strand to complete your spaghetti clump. Do not weave in ends.

Sauce – Increase your sauce to the same round and number of stitches as your base. Only the final round will differ from your base.

Round	Instruction	Stitch Count
rnd 1	using 4.5mm hook and red worsted weight yarn, start 6 sc in MR	(6)
rnd 2	[inc] x 6	(12)
rnd 3	[sc 1, inc] x 6	(18)
rnd 4	[sc 2, inc] x 6	(24)
rnd 5	[sc 3, inc] x 6	(30)
rnd 6	[sc 4, inc] x 6	(36)
rnd 7	[sc 5, inc] x 6	(42)
rnd 8	[sc 6, inc] x 6	(48)
rnd 9	[sc 7, inc] x 6	(54)
rnd 10	[sc 8, inc] x 6	(60)
FINAL RND (rnd # varies)	[sc, hdc, dc, dc, hdc, sc] repeat this 6 st pattern until end of round Number of sauce "peaks" will vary depending on how many stitches your previous round has. Each round is a multiple of six so every size will end the round in a sc. To calculate how many peaks your sauce should have, divide the number of stitches in your previous round by 6. [Ex. If your sauce has 36 sts, you'll have 6 sauce peaks]	(same # of stitches as your previous round)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. DO NOT WEAVE IN CENTER TAIL.

Meatballs – Make Two

SMALL MEATBALL (for smaller sizes)

Round	Instruction	Stitch Count
rnd 1	using 4.5mm hook and brown worsted weight yarn, start 6 sc in MR	(6)
rnd 2	[inc] x 6	(12)
rnd 3	[sc 1, inc] x 6	(18)
rnd 4-6	sc around	(18)
rnd 7	[sc 1, dec] x 6	(12)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff meatball.

LARGE MEATBALL (for medium to larger sizes)

Round	Instruction	Stitch Count
rnd 1	using 4.5mm hook and brown worsted weight yarn, start 6 sc in MR	(6)
rnd 2	[inc] x 6	(12)
rnd 3	[sc 1, inc] x 6	(18)
rnd 4	[sc 2, inc] x 6	(24)
rnd 5-8	sc around	(24)
rnd 9	[sc 2, dec] x 6	(18)

Fasten off, leave a long tail for sewing. Stuff meatball.



Finished Sauce Edge



Large and Small Meatballs

Hat Assembly

Step One – Attach spaghetti clumps to base

Using a tapestry needle, attach clumps equidistant by weaving both ends through top of base (attach anywhere between rnds 2-4), and tightly tie ends together to secure. Weave in ends.



Step Two – Attach sauce to base

Using a tapestry needle, weave the center tail at the bottom of your sauce through the center of the base and tightly tie the sauce center tail and base center tail together. Weave in your center tails. Line up the back of your base and sauce.

Using a tapestry needle and the long tail of your sauce, secure your sauce to your base at each sauce "peak". Do not do this too tightly, or too loosely. Secure and weave in end. ***This is a good time to arrange your spaghetti clumps how you like***



Weave the tail of your sauce up through the base/sauce and back down at each peak (up through the first dc and down through the second dc of each peak)



Step Three – Attach meatballs to sauce

Using a tapestry needle, whipstitch your stuffed meatballs to the top of your sauce. Secure and hide tail.

Step Four – Attach strap

Using elastic stretch cord (or scrap yarn) and tapestry needle, attach a strap to your base. The length of the strap will vary depending on the circumference of your dog's head.



Step Five [optional] – Add garnish and any other customization

Using green floral, add a "basil" garnish between your two meatballs. You can secure your garnish with a dab of glue if needed; I just poked the ends through a stitch in the bottom round of my meatballs.

You can further customize your finished hat by adding any additional garnish you'd like. For example, you can use scrap white/cream yarn to add "shavings" of parmesan cheese, or you can use scrap red yarn to make a small sauce "splash"/"hat" for your meatballs. This meatball sauce garnish can also be accomplished by starting your meatball(s) with red yarn instead of brown and switching to brown after round 3 for smaller sizes or after round 4 for larger sizes.

Step Six [optional] – Add a second base to your hat bottom for a polished finish

For a polished finish, make a second base **minus the last round of scs** and whipstitch it to your hat bottom. Secure and weave in ends. I like to whipstitch the second base through the back bar of the final round scs of the original base and through both loops of the second base. (See images on next page).



And your Spaghetti and Meatballs dog hat is finished!

Thank you so much for making this pattern!
If you have any questions, please email me at jani@sookieandivy.com. ☺