

Jack Skellington Beanie by Elizabeth Mareno

Bizzy Crochet Designs are *“Imagination on the Move”*

This fun beanie features the iconic face of Jack Skellington from Tim Burton’s *“The Nightmare Before Christmas”*, which happens to be my daughter’s favorite movie of all time.

This pattern is written for an adult head approx. 21”-23”, however there are instructions included at the end of the pattern for resizing to any head.

Materials:

2 oz white worsted weight yarn
1/2 oz black worsted weight yarn
H hook
Lg eye needle for assembly
Gauge: 7sc x 8 rows = 2" x 2"

Note: Do not join rounds unless otherwise indicated

Beanie: Using White

Row 1: Ch2, 6sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join. (6) You may also start this with a magic ring instead of a chain 2.

Row 2: 2sc in each sc around. (12)

Row 3: (sc in 1sc, 2sc in next) repeat (18)

Row 4: (sc in 2sc, 2sc in next) repeat (24)

Row 5: (sc in 3sc, 2sc in next) repeat (30)

Row 6: (sc in 4sc, 2sc in next) repeat (36)

Row 7: (sc in 5sc, 2sc in next) repeat (42)

Row 8-12: continue this pattern of adding one sc in between each increase until you have (sc in 10sc, 2sc in next) repeat (72)

Note: At this point, for a 21"-23" head, your piece should measure about a 6" across. If you are slightly less, that is ok, just get it as close to 6" as you can.

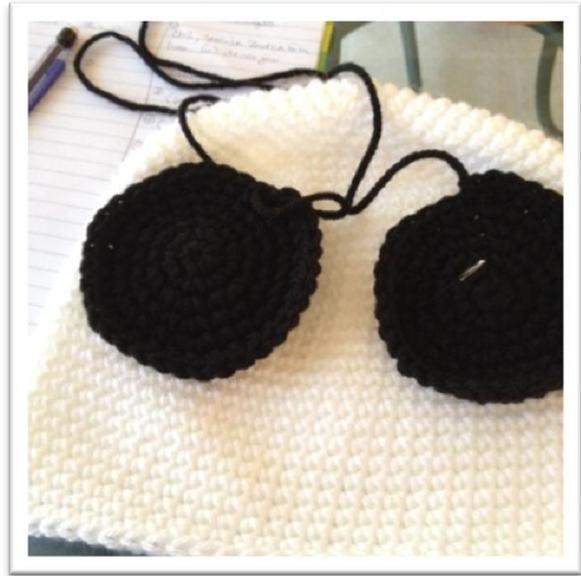
Row 13: sc in each sc around.

Repeat Row 13 until piece measures at least 8" from the beginning row. You can make the hat as long as you want, but anything less than 8" (unless someone has a really short head) will not cover the ears nicely. If you want it long enough to fold a small brim, make it at least 10"-11" long from the beginning. Just make sure that you have the brim folded when you apply your face, or it will be covered when you wear it and fold the brim up.

Eyes: Using black

For an adult size hat- repeat the first 6 rows of the hat pattern.

For a child size hat- I would start with repeating only the first 4 rows of the hat. However, the best thing is to keep your beanie handy and set the eye on the hat before cutting to make sure you want it that size. You might need to add a row or remove a row.



Mouth and nose are stitched on with a straight stitch.



Crochet Terms: ch- chain/ sc- single crochet/ sl st- slip stitch

This is an example of a hat that was made with enough length for a brim. You'll notice that Jack's face can be seen whether the brim is up or down. In the pictures of the "shorter" hat, you will notice that Jack's face goes almost right to the edge, whereas the "longer" hat has some space.



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Customizing Instructions:

Figuring out how to make a hat to a specific circumference and length is not as hard as one would think. This formula works best for a closer fitting hat (think beanie or ski, not tam or slouchy). I am going to explain this in “beginner’s” terms. When I tried to learn how to do this, every “lesson” I read assumed that you understood math. I won’t assume that of you, because I do not understand math. So, here we go:

- 1) Take a flexible tape measure or a piece of string and wrap it around your head at the widest part, which is usually your forehead area. If you overlap your pieces, make sure you pinch or otherwise mark where you intersect your pieces. This isn’t terribly scientific but remember that the more “finger” you get behind your measuring piece, the bigger your measurement will be.
- 2) If you are using a flexible tape measure, look at your number. If you are using a piece of string, measure your piece of string at the intersect. This is your CIRCUMFERENCE.
- 3) Using a calculator, divide your circumference by 3.1415927 (PI). This will give you your ACTUAL DIAMETER. (Example: my head circumference is 23”/ 3.1415927= 7.32112727. Obviously, that number is too big to be workable, so we round to the nearest quarter number. I would round mine to a 7.25”.)
- 4) Here it gets a little funky. You will take your ACTUAL DIAMETER number and minus an inch off. We will call this our WORKING DIAMETER. So, my new WORKING DIAMETER will be 6.25”. Why do we do this? I can’t give you a scientific reason, but I can give you a crocheter’s reason. Having made a few hats using the actual diameter, I discovered they weren’t so great as a hat. But, if I flipped it over and threw a handle on it they made a really nice handbag. Use my mistakes as a learning tool and turn your ACTUAL DIAMETER into a WORKING DIAMETER. ☺
- 5) Ok, now, in your increase rounds is where you will become an obsessive measure(er). I, actually, measure after each round until I get to know a pattern well. Work increase rounds until you reach your WORKING DIAMETER. After that, no more increases should be needed.
- 6) After you have reached your WORKING DIAMETER in your increase rounds, you can then start working the “body” of the hat. These are just round after round of your chosen stitch that will be worked until you reach the desired length.



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