



Graduation Cap Instructions

YouTube: [NICU Graduation Hat Crochet Instructions](#)

Supplies: Crochet Pattern

Black, stiffer worsted-weight yarn

White (or other color) yarn for tassel

G or H hook for hat

F hook for mortarboard top

Darning needle

Hat:

Use black yarns and G or H hook. Leaving a one-foot-long tail, chain 4. Join with a slip stitch into the beginning of your chain to form a ring.

1. Chain 3. (Counts as 1 double crochet (de)), then 13 de into the ring (14 total). Join with a slip stitch at the top of the chain 3

2. Chain 3, de at base of the chain 3, the 2dc in each de (28 total de). Join with a slip stitch.

3. Chain 3, dc in next 2 stitches, then 2dc in the 4th de. Repeat 3 single dc's followed by 2 dc's around the circle, then join with a slip stitch (35 de total)

4., 5., 6. For next 3 rounds: Chain 3, ldc in each de (35 de total). Slip stitch to join.

7. Chain 1, single crochet (sc) in each de (35 total). Slip stitch to join. Fasten off and weave in end of yarn.

Mortarboard

Use black yarn and F hook. Crochet the top tightly to make the mortarboard as stiff as possible.

1. Chain 6. Work 5 single crochets (sc) into the first 5 chains. Turn.

2., 3., 4., 5. Chain 1. Single crochet into each of the five stitches, turn (for a total of 5 rows of 5 sc)

6. Chain 1. Single crochet around the square, working 2 single crochets in each corner stitch. Continue to crochet around and around the starting square, working stitches as tightly as possible, until square is about 5 inches across. Slip stitch into corner stitch where you are stopping, fasten off, and weave in end of yarn.

Using the foot-long yarn tail at the peak of the hat, sew the mortarboard onto the beanie at the crown of the hat using the darning needle. Make a tassel out of a different color of yarn and attach it through the top of the hat and mortarboard, securing it with a knot on the inside of the hat. If you would like the top of the hat to be stiffer, you can use heavy spray starch on both sides of the mortarboard, lying flat to dry.

