

Charybdis

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About the name

In greek mythology Charybdis was a sea monster associated with a whirlpool.

Size

Fitting for a head circumference of 54-58cm [21.3-22.8in], so it will fit most adults and youths. But size is easily adjustable. Please see sizing checkpoints in pattern.

Materials

- Lana Grossa Basics Quick (50% wool, 50% polyacrylic; 50g/125m [1.76oz/137yds]); 1 ball in colorway petrol, 1 ball in colorway black or neon green. (Alternatively: Worsted weight yarn in 2 different colorways)
- Crochet Hooks Size 4 mm [G] and 4.5 mm [H]
- 1-2 stitch markers

Abbreviations

- ch: chain
- sc: single crochet
- hdc: half double crochet
- fphdc: front post half double crochet
- bphdc: back post half double crochet
- sl st: slip stitch
- tch: turning chain
- st(s): stitch(es)
- rep: repeat

General Information

- This pattern uses US-Terminology.
- The hat is worked in 3 steps: At first you work the hat top down with hdc worked only in the backloops of the sts. Than the spiral is added by working sl sts in frontloops which remained free. At last you will add the ribbing which is build of alternating bphdc's and fphdc's.
- The hat is worked in spiral rounds. This means, that the rounds will NOT be closed with a sl st.
- Place a stitch marker in the first st of the row to ensure you stitch count won't be off.

3 Versions of the Hat

You can work 3 different versions of the hat. The only difference is the junction from hat to ribbing resp. the color of the ribbing.

- **Version 1:** Hat in main color, spiral + ribbing in contrasting color, no gap between hat and ribbing.
- **Version 2:** Hat in main color, spiral + ribbing in contrasting color, small gap between hat and ribbing.
- **Version 3:** Hat + ribbing in main color, spiral in contrasting color.



Pattern

Hat - Increases

With main color (Petrol), hook size 4mm [G] and only working into the backloops of the sts:

- Round 1: Form a Magic Ring, in Ring: tch-1 (do not count), 8 hdc (*in total: 8 hdc*)
- Round 2: 2 hdc in each st (*in total: 16 hdc*)
- Round 3: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in next st; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 24 hdc*)
- Round 4: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 2 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 32 hdc*)
- Round 5: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 3 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 40 hdc*)
- Round 6: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 4 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 48 hdc*)
- Round 7: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 5 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 56 hdc*)
- Round 8: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 6 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 64 hdc*)
- Round 9: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 7 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 72 hdc*)
- Round 10: *2 hdc in next st, 1 hdc in each of next 8 sts; rep from * to end of round (*in total: 80 hdc*)



Sizing Checkpoint I

You should now have a diameter of 15.5 - 16.5 cm [6.1 - 6.5 in.]. If you reach this diameter earlier on, stop working increases at that point and continue with Round 11. If your diameter is smaller, work more increasing rows. With each additional row work 1 more hdc between each of the hdc-increases.

Hat continued - no more increases

Remember: Only work into the backloop of the sts!

Round 11 - 21: 1 hdc in each st around (*in total: 80 hdc in each round*)

Ending: 1 sc in next st, 1 sl st in next st

Sizing Checkpoint II

Your hat should have a height of approx. 16 cm [6.3 in.]. If you reach this height earlier on, stop working at that point and continue with the next section. If you haven't reached this height, yet, or want to make a long beanie, work more rows without increases until you reach the desired height and only work the 2 ending sts at the very end.

How to continue

- Version 1: Place a stitch marker in the front loop of the last sl st worked. Fasten off and continue with the spiral.
- Version 2: Place a stitch marker in the front loop of the hdc in which you worked the last sl st. Fasten off and continue with the spiral.
- Version 3: Place a stitch marker in the front loop of the last sl st worked. Continue with the ribbing and work the spiral at the very end.



Spiral in contrasting color

The spiral is worked with sl sts into the frontloops of the hat that remained free. You will begin at the center of the hat at the first hdc worked. Join the contrasting color to that frontloop and insert your hook from the inside to the outside. As almost everybody tends to work sl sts tighter than other sts, use a bigger hook for the spiral.

With contrasting color (black or neon green) and hook size 4.5mm [H]:

Spiral: Join contrasting color to first free frontloop at the center of the hat, ch-1, 1 sl st in each free frontloop to marked st.

Ribbing

The ribbing is worked with alternating bphdc's and fphdc's. Unlike the rest of the hat, the rounds will be closed with a sl st. You will NOT turn your work at the beginning of a new round. Depending on the Version you make the first round of the ribbing will be slightly different. Rounds 2 - 8 will be the same for all versions.

With hook size 4mm [G]:

Version 1 - Round 1: Continue in contrasting color, work all hdc into the free backloops of the last round in the main color (see picture on the right). Tch-1 (do not count), 1 hdc in same sl st as last sl st worked, 1 hdc in each st around, close with 1 sl st (do not count) in first hdc of round (*in total: 80 hdc*)

Version 2 - Round 1: Continue with contrasting color, work all hdc in both loops. Tch-1 (do not count), 1 hdc in sl st of main color in which the marked hdc was worked, 1 hdc in each st around, close with 1 sl st (do not count) in first hdc of round (*in total: 80 hdc*)

Version 3 - Round 1: Continue in main color, work all hdc in the backloop only. Tch-1 (do not count), 1 hdc in next hdc, 1 hdc in each st around, close with 1 sl st (do not count) in first hdc of round (*in total: 80 hdc*)

All Versions - Rounds 2 - 8: Tch-1 (do not count), 1 bphdc in same st as last sl st, 1 fphdc in next st, *1 bphdc in next st, 1 fphdc in next st; rep from * to end of round, close with 1 sl st in first bphdc of round (*in total: 40 bphdc, 40 fphdc*)

Hint: Work the last fphdc of the round around the hdc of the previous row AND the tch of this row to get an almost invisible join of the rounds.

Sizing Checkpoint III

Your ribbing should have a height of approx. 3 - 4 cm [1.2 - 1.6 in]. The hat should have a total height of approx. 19 - 20 cm [7.5 - 7.9 in]. If in doubt of the height: Just try it on.

If you reach this height earlier on, stop working the ribbing at that point. If you haven't reached that height yet, continue working rounds for the ribbing. (If you went for Version 3 it might be possible that you run out of yarn before you can finish the last round. In this case end with row 7 of the ribbing.)

Finishing: Fasten off, pull all ends to the inner side of the hat, weave in all ends.

