

# Pirat - a crocheted hat



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*Pirates, marauders and skeletons. It doesn't get any more awesome than a crocheted hat with skulls, and both boys and girls (and their grown-ups) can join in the fun and crochet themselves a uniquely cool hat. Pirat is crocheted in traditional Nordic tapestry crochet. The pattern uses UK terms.*

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## Materials

Colour A: 32 (37) 41 (47) g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 957 (Very Light Grey melange)

Colour B: 28 (32) 36 (41) g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 346 (Thuja)

Hook 3,5 mm

## Sizes

Fits head circumference: 52-54 (55-57) 58-60 (61-64) cm

## Finished measurements

Circumference: 48 (52) 55 (60) cm

Height: 21 (23) 24 (25) cm

## Gauge

20 stitches and 15 rounds using a 3,5 mm hook = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special abbreviations

**2dctog iblo:** Decrease. 2 double crochet stitches crocheted together through the back loops only. \*Insert hook in next stitch through the back loop only and pull the yarn through\*, repeat from \* to \* once. Yarn over and pull yarn through all 3 loops on the hook.

**3dctog iblo:** Decrease, 3 double crochet stitches crocheted together through the back loops only. \* Insert hook in next stitch through the back loop only and pull the yarn through \*, repeat from \* to \* twice. Yarn over and pull yarn through all 4 loops on the hook.

## Notes

The hat is crocheted bottom-up and gathered at the top.

## Pattern

Ch 96 (104) 110 (120) using colour A, join to a ring with a sl st in the first ch.

Ch 1, place colour B along the top of the work, allowing you to work over this colour (the colour not in use will be enclosed in the stitches). Make 1 dc using colour A in the same stitch as the sl st (the edge will be nicest if you crochet through the little back loop of the chain stitches). Now follow the colour chart.

The colour not in use is enclosed in the stitches as you crochet around this with the other colour. Each



square in the chart corresponds to 1 dc in the back loop only. Read the chart from the lower right corner and read all rounds from right to left.

**Changing colour:** Change colour in the last stitch in the "old" colour. When you have 2 loops on hook, finish the dc by pulling the new colour through. Crochet the next stitch using the new colour.

When the first round is done, continue crocheting dc in the back loop only in a spiral.

Make 4 (4) 5 (5) repeats of the chart in total. Note that some stitches are left out for some sizes.

When the chart is done (after round 29) you will start to decrease:

Continue making the last round of skulls and at the same time decrease by making a 2dctog iblo in each side of the plain area between the skulls. You will decrease 8 (8) 10 (10) stitches in total on each round. When there is only 3 stitches left between the skulls you decrease with a 3dctog iblo over these 3 stitches. Hereafter the decreases (2dctog iblo) are placed on each side of the skulls, until the skulls are done. Now decrease 8 (8) 10 (10) stitches on each round until you have made 36 (38 (40) 42 rounds in total.

Break the 2 yarns with long yarn ends. Fasten off.

### Gather the top as follows:

Put the yarn end of colour B (A) A (A) on a wool needle and weave the yarn end through the back loop of the stitches (insert the needle from the inside of the hat and out). Gather the top and sew a few stitches on the wrong side to fasten.

**Chart**



Black/red/blue square: 1 dc in back loop only using colour A

White square: 1 dc in back loop only using colour B

Size 52-54 cm: leave out the red squares

Size 55-57 cm: crochet all red and blue squares

Size 58-60 cm: leave out the red and squares

Size 61-64 cm: leave out the red squares

