

Papal Mitre

CROCHET PATTERN



This crochet pattern will show you how to make a Papal or Bishop's mitre to use for All Saint's Day dress up! Many Catholic schools encourage students to dress as saints on November 1st each year. It is a fun way to honor your favorite model of Christianity. There aren't many readily available costumes for this, though, so I have a whole blog post about creating your own with easy to find crochet patterns, and decided to create this pattern. Use it to create a hat for representing Papal Saints as well as some sainted bishops who wore them. Customize with color choice!

SUPPLIES:

- 100 yards CYC 4 worsted yarn, preferably white, held double with 100 yards CYC 4 worsted cotton yarn (for stiffness) 25 yards bulky CYC 5 yarn in golden color
- crochet hook US size J (6 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge
- tapestry sewing needle
- scissors and measuring tape/gauge ruler
- Aleene's fabric stiffening spray (optional)

STITCHES (US TERMS):

ch = chain stitch

st/sts = stitch/stitches

BLO = back loop only

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

GAUGE SWATCH:

2 in by 2 in swatch = 7 stitches in 7 rows of sc

Row 1: Ch 11, sc 2nd st from hook and each across, ch 1, turn. [10 sc]

Row 2: Sc each st across, ch 1, turn. [10sc]

Repeat row 2 six more times.

NOTES:

- **SIZING:** this pattern is sized for a child, but you could make in any size by making the band larger or smaller to fit the head circumference as follows: baby 15 inches, toddler 16 inches, child 18 inches, teen 19 inches, medium 20 inches, large 21 inches
- Pattern is worked flat, then sewn together.
- Pattern is written with a gold stripe (Saint Pope John Paul II is often shown with this color mitre) but you can change that to suit your chosen saint.
- As you make the stripe, measure it next to your mitre top and add/subtract rows as necessary to line up correctly with the top and bottom.
- This pattern calls for yarns held together: crochet with two strands of different yarns held together as you work. It creates a stiff fabric to make the mitre top stand up. I think if you have a bulky or super bulky white yarn and use that with a size J hook, you can probably get the required stiffness.
- Optional: spray the top with some fabric stiffening spray and shape as desired.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS:

Mitre Top:

Row 1: Ch 23, sc 2nd ch from hook and each st across, ch 1, turn. [22 sc]

Row 2: Sc each st across, ch 1, turn. [22 sc]

Row 3: 2 sc first st, sc each st across until last, 2 sc last st, ch 1, turn. [24 sc]

Rows 4-7: Sc each st across, ch 1, turn. [22 sc]

Row 8: Sc2tog, sc each st across until last 2 sts, sc2tog, ch 1, turn. [20 sc 2 dec]

Row 9: Sc each st across, ch 1, turn. [22 sc]

Rows 10-24: Repeat rows 8 and 9 respectively.

Row 25: Sc2tog, sc2tog, fasten off. [2 sc2tog]

Brim:

Row 1: Ch 7, sc 2 second ch from hook and each st, ch 1, turn. [6 sc]

Row 2: Sc BLO each st, ch 1, turn. [6 sc BLO]

Rows 3-59: Repeat row 2, sl st row 59 to row 1, fasten off, weave in ends.

Stripe:

Row 1: Ch 5, sc 2nd ch from hook and each st across, ch 1, turn. [4 sc]

Row 2: Sc each st across, ch 1, turn. [4 sc]

Rows 3- 27: Repeat row 2, fasten off, use ends to sew to mitre top.

After attaching the gold stripe to the mitre top, sew the pieces together. Sew the brim to the mitre top along the bottom edge of the mitre top and the top edge of the brim.

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