

The Knit Before Christmas

Crochet – Christmas bottle stopper cover – Expert level

A cute mini Christmas hat to fit over your bottle top / cork.

Perfect for gifts, table settings and festive decorations.

Abbreviations

S1 – slip 1 stitch
YON – yarn over needle
K2 tog – knit 2 together
Sts – stitches
Mr (magic ring)
Sl st – slip stitch
Kfb – knit front and back

Instructions

1. Start at the top
Make a magic ring (mr)
Round 1: 6 dc into ring, pull tight. Join with ss. (6 sts)
2. Increase rounds (to fit cork width)
Round 2: 2 dc in each st around. (12 sts)
Round 3: 1 dc, 2 dc in next st repeat around. (18 sts)
This creates a small flat circle (top of the hat)
3. Work down the sides
Rounds 4 – 8: 1 dc in each st around. (18 sts)
This forms the sides of the hat
4. Optional stripe
Switch to white yarn
Rounds 9 – 10: 1 dc in each st around
Switch back to red
Rounds 11 – 12: 1 dc in each st around
5. Ribbed-style edging (simple version)
Round 13: Work 1 dc in the front loop only of each st around.
This gives a slightly stretchy, ribbed look.
6. Fasten off
Cut yarn and weave in ends
7. Add pom-pom (optional)
Sew a small pom-pom to the top or attach with fabric glue.

Tips

- If the hat is too tight, add another increase round.
- If it is too loose, stop at 12 sts instead of 18.
- Use fluffy yarn for a softer “Santa hat” look!

