**Crochet Scrunchie**

**Materials:**

* Worsted weight yarn
* Crochet hook size H/8 (5.0 mm)
* Hair elastic
* Yarn needle
* Scissors

**Abbreviations:**

* Ch: chain
* Sc: single crochet
* Sl st: slip stitch
* St(s): stitch(es)

**Instructions:**

1. **Start with a Magic Ring:**
	* Make a magic ring, ch 1.
2. **Round 1:**
	* Work 30 sc into the magic ring. (30 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc to close the round.
3. **Round 2-3:**
	* Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st around. (30 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc.
4. **Round 4:**
	* Ch 1, *work 1 sc in each of the next 4 sts, then 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat from \* around. (36 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc.
5. **Round 5:**
	* Ch 1, \*work 1 sc in each st around. (36 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc.
6. **Round 6:**
	* Ch 1, *work 1 sc in each of the next 4 sts, then sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) in the next st*. Repeat from \* around. (30 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc.
7. **Round 7-8:**
	* Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st around. (30 sts)
	* Join with a sl st to the first sc.
8. **Fasten Off:**
	* Cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.
	* Thread the tail onto a yarn needle, weave it through the remaining sts, pull tight to close the hole at the top of the scrunchie, and secure the yarn.
9. **Finishing:**
	* Place the hair elastic inside the crocheted tube.
	* Sew the ends of the tube together securely using the yarn needle and the yarn tail.
	* Weave in any remaining ends.

Your crochet scrunchie is now ready to use! You can customize it by using different colors of yarn or adding embellishments like bows or buttons if desired. Enjoy making and wearing your handmade scrunchie!