**Basic Crochet Hat**

**Materials:**

* Worsted weight yarn
* Crochet hook size H/8 (5.0 mm)
* 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 10 sc into the magic ring. (10 sts)
   * Join with a sl st to the first sc to close the round.
3. **Round 2:**
   * Ch 1, work 2 sc in each st around. (20 sts)
   * Join with a sl st to the first sc.
4. **Round 3:**
   * Ch 1, *work 1 sc in the next st, then 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat from \* around. (30 sts)
   * Join with a sl st to the first sc.
5. **Round 4:**
   * Ch 1, *work 1 sc in each of the next 2 sts, then 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat from \* around. (40 sts)
   * Join with a sl st to the first sc.
6. **Round 5:**
   * Ch 1, *work 1 sc in each of the next 3 sts, then 2 sc in the next st*. Repeat from \* around. (50 sts)
   * Join with a sl st to the first sc.
7. **Round 6-15 (or desired length):**
   * Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st around. (50 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 hat, and secure the yarn.
9. **Finishing:**
   * Weave in any remaining ends.
   * Optionally, add a pom-pom or other embellishments to the top of the hat if desired.
10. **Optional Brim:**

* To add a brim, turn the hat inside out and fold up the bottom edge to the desired width. Attach yarn to the edge and sc evenly around the folded edge. Fasten off and weave in ends.

This basic crochet hat pattern is customizable in terms of size and can be easily adjusted by changing the number of rounds worked. Experiment with different yarn colors and textures to create unique hats for yourself or as gifts!