

American Summer Cap Crochet Pattern

A Lightweight Lattice Sun Hat with Decorative Bow

US Crochet Terms

Create a stylish summer cap featuring a solid crown, airy lattice sides, a wide sun brim, and a large decorative bow. This project is worked from the top down in one continuous piece before adding the bow and ties.

This tutorial follows the crochet diagram and uses standard US crochet terminology.

CROCHET PATTERN TUTORIAL: Pink Lattice Hat & Bow (US Terms)

Step 1: Crochet the Crown

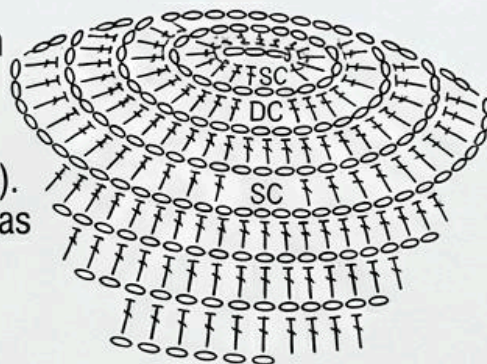
Begin with magic ring.

Rnd 1: 12 DC.

Rnd 2: 2 DC in each st (24 DC).

Rnd 3-9: Increase DC rounds as shown in chart.

Rnd 10: Start lattice pattern (CH spaces and DC).



Step 2: Crochet the Brim

Rnd 11-16: Continue lattice pattern as shown, forming the brim.

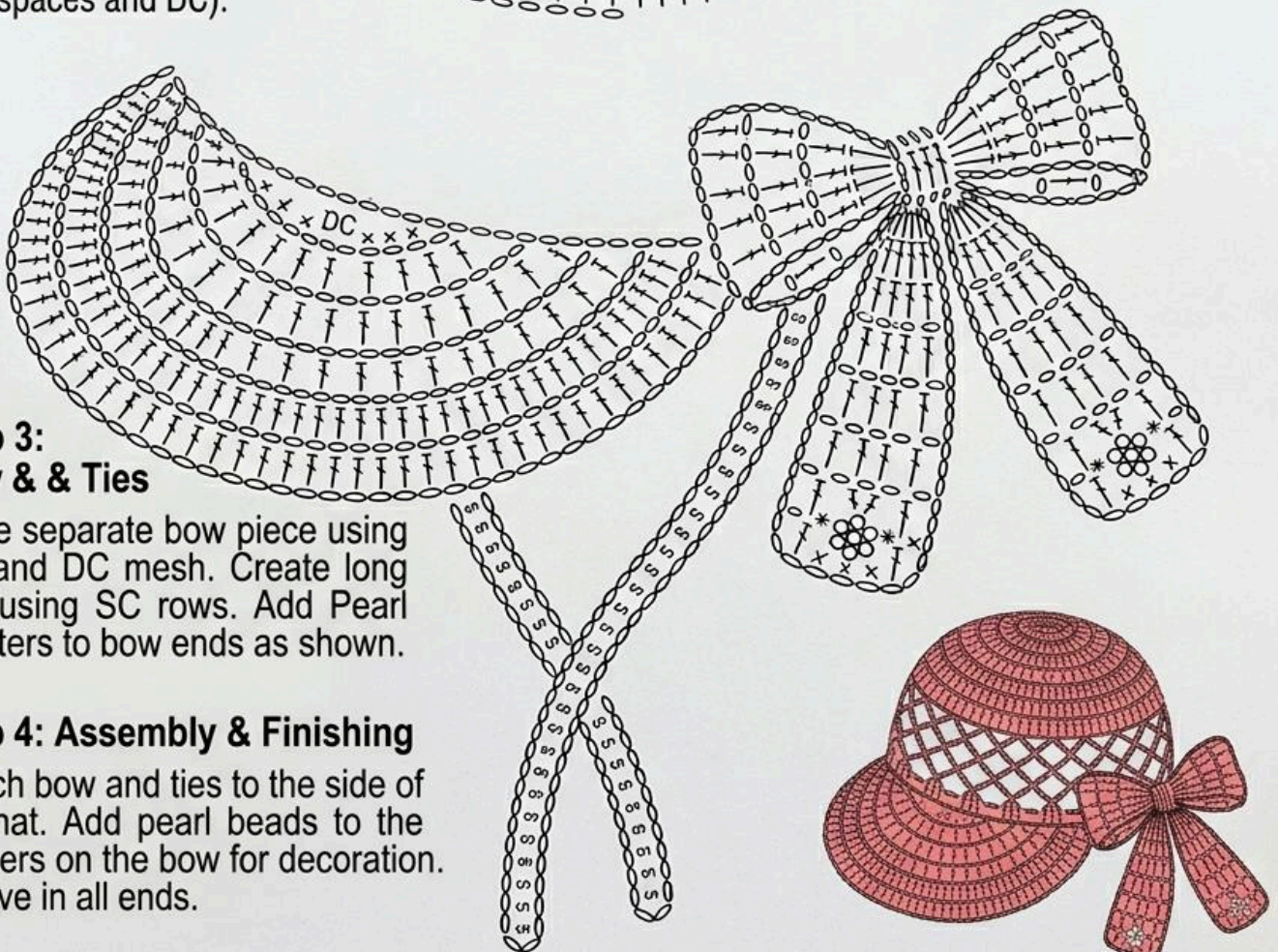
Rnd 17-21: Work solid DC rounds for brim edge, increasing as indicated.

Step 3: Bow & Ties

Make separate bow piece using CH and DC mesh. Create long ties using SC rows. Add Pearl Clusters to bow ends as shown.

Step 4: Assembly & Finishing

Attach bow and ties to the side of the hat. Add pearl beads to the clusters on the bow for decoration. Weave in all ends.



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Skill Level

Intermediate

This project combines traditional double crochet rounds with chain-space lacework to create the open lattice section. Basic increases and working into chain spaces are required.

Finished Size

Adult One Size

The finished measurements may vary depending on yarn weight, hook size, and personal crochet tension.

Materials

- Lightweight Cotton Yarn (DK or Light Worsted #3)
- 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

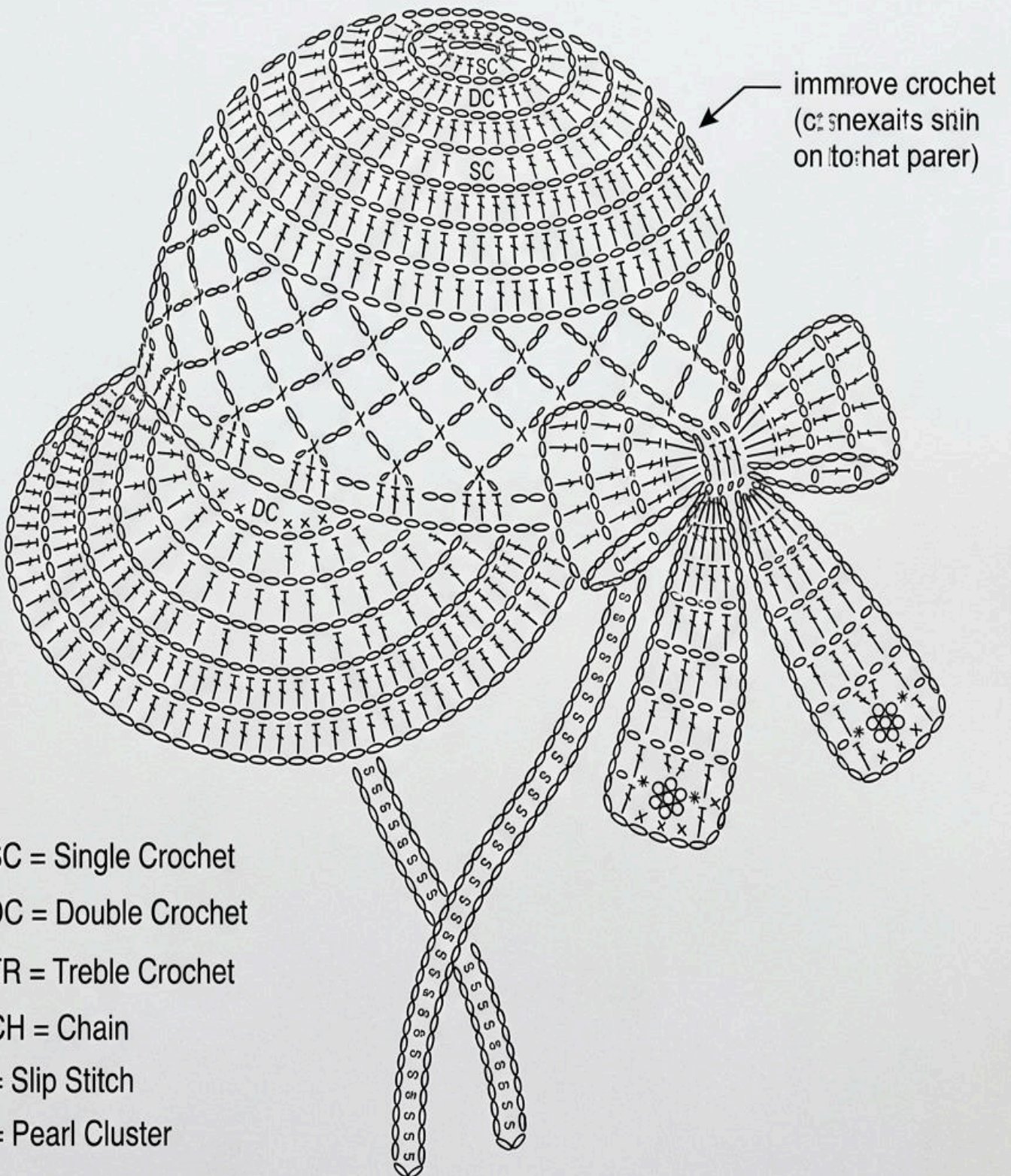
Crochet Abbreviations

- CH = Chain
- SC = Single Crochet
- DC = Double Crochet
- TR = Treble Crochet
- SL ST = Slip Stitch
- Pearl Cluster = Decorative cluster stitch shown on the bow ends

Pattern Notes

- The hat is worked from the crown downward.
- Join each round with a slip stitch unless working continuously.
- Chain stitches at the beginning of rounds count as the first stitch when appropriate.
- Maintain even stitch spacing throughout the lattice section.
- The brim gradually increases to create its gentle flare.

CROCHET PATTERN DIAGRAM: PINK LATTICE HAT & BOW (Traditional US Terms)



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Step 1 – Crochet the Crown

Begin with a magic ring.

Chain 3 (counts as first DC).

Work additional double crochet stitches into the ring according to the chart until the first round is complete.

Join with a slip stitch.

Continue working circular increase rounds using double crochet.

Each new round adds evenly spaced increases to maintain a flat circle.

Keep the work flat without curling.

Continue increasing until the crown reaches approximately 6½–7 inches across, matching the size shown in the diagram.

Step 2 – Shape the Top of the Hat

Once the crown diameter is complete, stop increasing.

Work several rounds of one double crochet into each stitch.

These straight rounds begin forming the sides of the cap.

The fabric should naturally curve downward.

Maintain consistent stitch tension to produce smooth shaping.

Step 3 – Create the Lattice Section

The openwork band is made using chains and double crochet.

Follow the chart by alternating chain loops with anchored double crochet stitches.

The chain spaces cross slightly from one round to the next, creating the lattice appearance.

Keep each chain loop the same size.

Avoid pulling the chains too tightly, as this section provides flexibility and ventilation.

Continue working the lattice until it reaches the height shown in the diagram.

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Step 4 – Transition Back to Solid Crochet

After completing the lattice section, return to solid double crochet rounds.

Work evenly around the entire hat.

Place one double crochet into each stitch or chain space indicated by the chart.

This stabilizes the hat before beginning the brim.

Step 5 – Begin the Brim

The brim starts with evenly spaced increase rounds.

Work double crochet stitches while gradually adding increases around the circumference.

The increases should remain evenly distributed.

The brim will slowly begin to flare outward.

Do not increase too quickly, or the brim may become wavy.

Step 6 – Continue Expanding the Brim

Repeat additional rounds of double crochet.

Continue following the increase placement shown in the chart.

The brim should remain smooth while gradually widening.

If the brim begins to ripple, reduce the number of increases.

If it curls downward, add slightly more increases.

Step 7 – Finish the Brim Edge

Work the final round evenly.

The outer edge should appear smooth and slightly curved.

Fasten off.

Weave in all yarn ends securely using a yarn needle.

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Step 8 – Crochet the Bow

The bow is made separately.

Begin by chaining the required width.

Work rows of double crochet back and forth to create a long rectangle.

Maintain straight edges throughout.

Continue until the rectangle reaches the proportions shown in the diagram.

Fasten off.

Step 9 – Create the Bow Center

Wrap yarn tightly around the middle of the rectangle several times.

This gathers the fabric into the bow shape.

Secure the wraps firmly.

Sew the center tightly so the bow maintains its shape.

Step 10 – Crochet the Bow Tails

Work two long rectangular strips.

Each strip is crocheted in rows using double crochet.

The width remains consistent from top to bottom.

Finish each end with the decorative Pearl Cluster shown in the chart.

Fasten off.

Step 11 – Attach the Bow

Position the completed bow on one side of the hat.

Arrange the tails so they hang naturally.

Sew the bow securely to the side of the lattice section using matching yarn.

Take several passes through the center wraps to prevent movement during wear.

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Step 12 – Final Finishing

Inspect the entire hat.

Weave in every loose end.

Lightly steam block or wet block the hat if desired.

Shape the brim while drying to achieve a smooth curve.

Allow the hat to dry completely before wearing.

Helpful Tips

- Cotton yarn provides excellent stitch definition and helps the brim hold its shape.
- Use stitch markers to keep track of round beginnings.
- Keep chain loops loose and consistent for an even lattice pattern.
- Count stitches at the end of every round.
- Blocking greatly improves the finished appearance of both the lattice section and the brim.
- If additional stiffness is desired, insert millinery wire into the final brim round or apply a fabric stiffener suitable for crochet.

Congratulations!

Your **American Summer Cap** is now complete. The finished design features a structured crochet crown, breathable lattice sides, a gently flared sun brim, and an elegant oversized bow, making it a stylish accessory for warm-weather outings.