



Crocheted Mask



Needing a cool accessory for your costume, Mardi Gras, or other special event? Below are the basics for making your own mask. They work up quickly for those advanced in crochet, and a little more challenging if not.

Add beads, sequins, feathers, jewels...make it your way!

Materials (No Gauge)

#10 Cotton Crochet Thread (any color) #D Crochet Hook Tapestry Needle Embellishments (optional)

Abbreviations: Sc—single crochet / Hdc—half double crochet / Ch—chain / Sp—space / SST—slip stitch

Begin by chaining 35. At the end of the chain, insert hook into first ch sp to join; SST.

1. Work in the circle 70 Sc (instead of pushing hook through a ch sp, you will go under or “through” the circle). Join with SST to the first Sc. Ch 1, turn.
2. This has created a base for your eye. To make the second eye, repeat the step above.
3. After ch 1, continue with Sc in ea ch sp around ending with SST to join the row (4 x for a total of 5 rows).
4. For the straps, make a chain of 4. In the second ch sp from hook, work a Hdc in ea of next 2 ch sp. Ch 2 and turn. Continue working 3 Hdc in ea ch space until strap is length you desire. The Hdc gives strength and stretch for tying a bow in the back of the mask. Attach ends to mask with same crochet thread and tapestry needle.
5. From the base you have created, use any stitch you desire. Here are a few helpful tips in creating your mask:
 - * To extend and round outside corner of eye, work 2 Sc in 3 ch sp.
 - * For the nose bridge, increase the area by 2 extra stitches.
 - * Consider the forehead space—is it low or high— when making the top of the mask.
 - * There is a pattern using 20 gauge wire for shaping the eyes; I found this a safety risk.
 - * Attach a crocheted strap to each side of the mask. You will actually need only one on each side.
 - * It is not recommended to starch the mask. Keeping it a short and simple design will help maintain the stay.
 - * Try this link for stitches to use:

http://crochet.about.com/od/crochetstitches/u/Crochet_Stitch_Instructions.htm