



Yarn Hair Tutorial by Ira Rott

This picture tutorial is for the method I developed to finish a hat with yarn hair. You can also use this method for finishing crochet or knitted doll hair.

Using this tutorial you can customize your item making shorter or longer yarn hair, braided hair or gathered into a ponytail / pigtails.

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight yarn (for medium weight hat) You can use any other thinner or thicker yarn, just make less or more strands in each hair bundle
- Styrofoam Head Form (for hat only) It is easier to work using head form when finishing hat hair. If you do not have a Styrofoam head form, you can use any other available objects to keep your hat on.
- Scissors

- Any size of crochet hook that you are comfortable to work with

- 9" (23 cm) piece of cardboard – this is an approx. size for the short pigtails hat (It will make 18" / 46 cm yarn strands).

The length of your hair bundles should be at least 2.5 – 3 times larger than desired hair style length (you will always be able to trim it when finished)

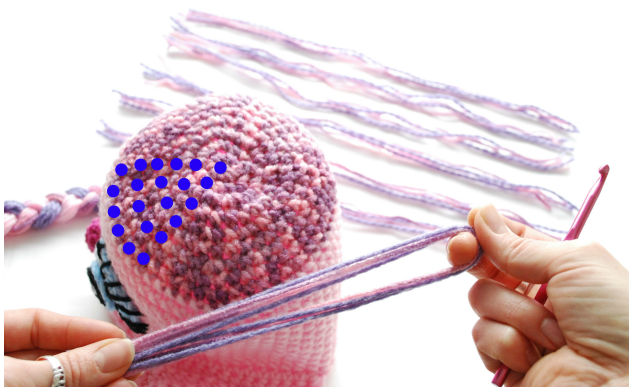
- For crocheted flowers you will need any worsted weight yarn and hook 3.5 mm (E)



- Prepare bunches of yarn wrapping it 4-5 times around 9" (23cm) piece of cardboard and then cut bundle on one side .



- Put your hat onto Styrofoam Head Form and start with front part of the hair (**bangs**)



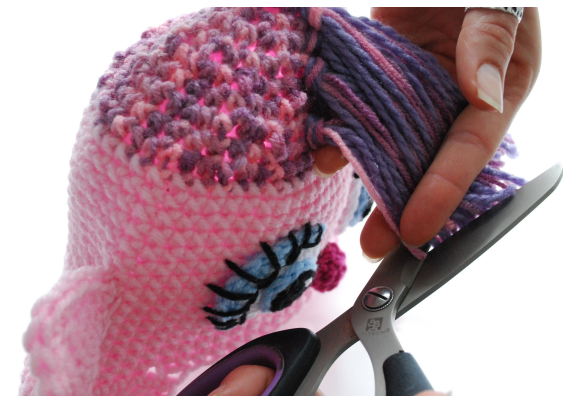
- Using crochet hook knot bunches through the stitches on front side of the hat, starting with 1 knot on the top of the hat and increasing knots towards face (as marked on the picture above)



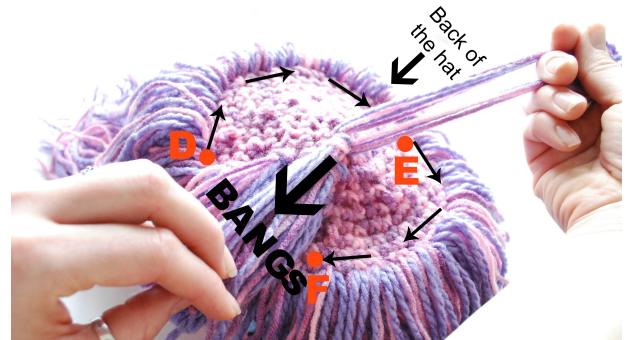
- **How to make a knot:** Insert the hook between stitches; fold the strands in half and using crochet hook pull them creating a loop, then pull ends through the loop to create a firm knot.

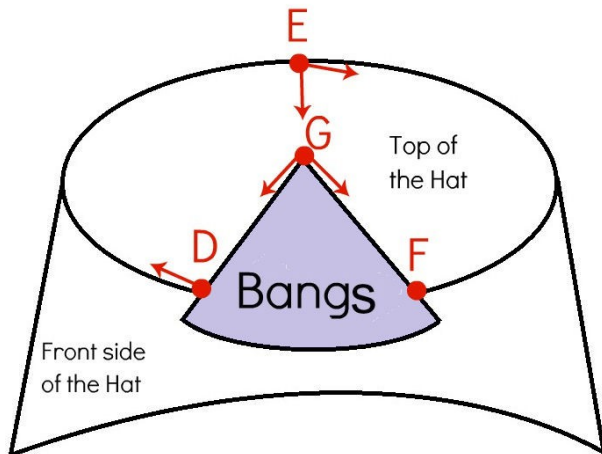


- Trim the ends to desired length



- **Back Hair:** When you work around the back of the hat, do not knot bunches as you did for the bangs, but simply pull them through the stitches and fold strands in half





- Using crochet hook pull strands through each stitch around **D-E-F** edge, then work from **G** to **D**; then from **G** to **F** and then from **E** to **G** (Remember, do not knot! Only pull and fold strands in the middle)



• **Hair Styling :**

Divide back hair into two equal sections





- Tie pigtails using yarn or hair elastics.



Flowers (optional): make 2

Start with **yellow yarn** (center of the flower) and hook 3.5 mm (E)

To begin: Ch 3, join with a sl st to first chain to form ring.

Rnd 1: ch 1; work 10 sc into ring; join with sl st to beg ch = 10 sc sts

Join **white yarn**, Break **yellow yarn** and cont work next rnd:

Rnd 2: [ch 3; 2 trc in next st; ch 3; sl st in next st] 5 times = 5 petals

Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing; sew flowers to the tails

- Trim tails to desired length



ENJOY!

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