Alpine stitch beanie

Adult, medium, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 8¾ in (22 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 11¼ in (29 cm) before it is folded)

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Joined rounds, one long post stitch, a folded rib

Yarn

Medium (4)

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: heathered moss green, medium (4) **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13½ in (34 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 85 yd (78 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Adult, small	21¼ in (54 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 170 yd (155 m)
Adult, medium (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 225 yd (206 m)**
Adult, large	25 in (64 cm)	24 in (61 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 250 yd (229 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

FPtr (front post treble crochet two rounds below; UK FPdtr): A long post stitch that stands on the double crochet two rounds lower. The next stitch is a single crochet of the round before, and it stands on a double crochet of the round before that: yarn over twice, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of that double crochet, pull up a loop as high as the stitches beside it, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times. The post lies on the front, over the round of single crochet. The single crochet itself is left unworked behind it and is used up, so the stitch after it goes in the single crochet that follows. It leaves 1 front post treble crochet two rounds below for the next round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: along the cloth from the center of the ring to the edge of round 5, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the hat measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the first measure is more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if it is less, shallower. A round of double crochet and front post treble is counted like a round of double crochet. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 7 rounds of double crochet or 7 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 5.

Before you start

- Measure the head if you can: put a soft tape round its widest part, across the middle of the forehead and just above the ears, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.

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- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The hat begins with a magic ring: wrap the yarn once round two fingers, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and with the hook draw a loop of the working yarn up through the ring. Keep that loop on the hook and make the chain that round 1 begins with; where round 1 names no chain, make 1 chain to hold the loop, and do not count it. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over the tail too, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.
- What the note above says of a post stitch is so for the FPdc and the BPdc of the brim. An FPtr reaches one round farther down, past a round of single crochet.
- The raised stitches come in every second round, and the rounds between them are plain single crochet. Every front post treble stands around a double crochet two rounds lower, never around another front post treble: at the start of a round too, it stands around the double crochet below the joined stitch.
- The crown is a dome and does not lie flat: the long stitches take up the cloth.
- To wear the hat, fold the brim up to the outside along the middle of its ribbing, so that the last 4 rounds lie on the outside.
- Adult, medium: for a head of 23 in (58 cm). The finished hat is about 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 8¾ in (22 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 11¼ in (29 cm) before it is folded).

Instructions

Chosen: Adult, medium, head 23 in (58 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**FPtr around next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPtr to join	**(12 FPtr, 12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, FPtr around next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc, 12 FPtr)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** Measure along the cloth, from the center of the ring straight out to the edge: it should be about 2¼ in (6 cm).

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**FPtr around next st, dc in next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPtr to join	**(24 FPtr, 24 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, FPtr around next st, dc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc, 24 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3, **[**FPtr around next st, dc in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first FPtr to join	**(36 FPtr, 36 dc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, FPtr around next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc, 36 FPtr)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3, **[**FPtr around next st, dc in next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first FPtr to join	**(36 FPtr, 36 dc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnds 16 to 23**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 36 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(36 FPdc, 36 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Pull the ring at the start of the hat closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.
- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except the one at the lower edge of the brim: that edge is folded up to the outside, so weave its end on the right side of the brim, which the fold hides.

In all: 23 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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