Baseball cap

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 6¾ in (17 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A spiral with increases in lines, a peak of two layers worked in rows

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dark navy, the cap **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: red, the peak, the seam lines and the button **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, 2 more stitch markers (for the peak) and a piece of plastic canvas at least 8¼ by 2 in (21 by 5 cm) for a stiffer peak, if you like.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 100 yd (91 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 125 yd (114 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 145 yd (133 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
FLO	front loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row or round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the cap 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 crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the cap will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 24, put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

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.
- 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 cap 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 cap faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the cap are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The button is begun with a magic ring like the cap and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to you as you work.
- 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.
- The outer peak and the inner peak are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.

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Instructions

Chosen: Man, 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 sc is double crochet.

Cap

Yarn A, dark navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 6. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in each st around	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 21: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21

Band

☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

22 23 **24**

Stop and measure now, after round 24. Put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

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☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Outer peak

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Number the 72 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the front lies between stitch 36 and stitch 37. Mark stitch 25 and stitch 48: the 24 stitches at the middle of the front, from stitch 25 to stitch 48, carry the peak. With the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in the front loop only of stitch 25, so that its back loop stays free; the stitches lie in the order of their numbers, and the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same front loop.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in FLO of first st, sc in FLO of next 23 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(28 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 16 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 8 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Inner peak

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the cap so that its inside faces you, the crown at the bottom. Row 1 of this peak goes into the 24 stitches at the middle of the front again, from stitch 48 back to stitch 25, each time into the loop that row 1 of the outer peak left free; seen from the inside it is the front loop, the one nearer to you. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in that loop of stitch 48, and work the first single crochet of row 1 into that same loop.	
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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 8 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Button

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the cap closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Edging of the peak: the wrong sides of the two layers lie together, row on row. Lay the tails at the last row of each peak between the two layers, where the edging closes them in. For a stiffer peak cut the plastic canvas to the shape of the peak, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) smaller all round, and slip it between the layers too. With the outer peak facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch at the right-hand end of row 1, through both layers, and ch 1. Work through both layers: up the side 1 single crochet in the end of each row (8), 1 in each stitch of the last row (14), down the other side 1 in the end of each row (8): 30 single crochet. Slip stitch in the edge of the band and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Run the ends of the edging in between the two layers of the peak.

3. Seam lines: six lines of surface slip stitch run from the top down to the edge of the cap, one along each of the six lines of increases. Work with yarn B, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end of a line. Hold the yarn on the inside and the hook on the outside. The 12 stitches of round 2 are six pairs, each pair in one stitch of round 1. Begin in the gap between two of these pairs: insert the hook there from the outside to the inside and pull up a loop. Then work one slip stitch in every round: insert the hook in the next round, pull up a loop and draw it through the loop on the hook. In a round of the crown with increases the place is the gap between the second of the two stitches of the increase and the stitch that was worked after it; in every other round of the cap, the sides and the band too, it is the gap between the two stitches that were worked into the stitches on the two sides of the gap before. End in the last round of the cap: cut the yarn, pull it through the last loop, and take both tails to the inside. Work a line from each of the six gaps of round 2, as loosely as the cloth. One of the lines ends between stitch 36 and stitch 37 of the last round, at the middle of the front.

4. Button: thread its long tail through the 6 stitches of its last round and draw them together behind it, so that it is a little knob. Sew it to the center of the top, over the place where the six lines begin.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the cap.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,602 stitches (1,206 in the cap, 192 in the outer peak, 192 in the inner peak, 12 in the button).

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