Hood with bear ears

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8¾ in (22 cm) deep; the first measure is along the front edge, from one front corner over the top of the head to the other, and the second from the middle of the back to the front edge. The neck band is about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 17¾ in (45 cm) long

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A circle in rounds, then rows, small pieces to sew on and two buttonholes

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

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

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: honey brown, the hood and the ears **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the front edge, the middles of the ears and the neck band **about 65 yd (59 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, scissors, pins, 2 buttons about 5/8 in (1.5 cm) across, a sewing needle and sewing thread for the buttons.

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)	16½ in (42 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 200 yd (183 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 10 in (25 cm) deep	about 270 yd (247 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the hood itself, at the two places the lines name: across the circle of the back, which checks the height of the rounds, and along the front edge laid straight, which checks the stitches. If the front edge measures more than it says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right and the circle measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hood will come out deeper than stated; if the circle measures less, it will come out shallower.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The front edge, laid straight, should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) from corner to corner.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

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. A hood does not go round the whole head: it covers the top, the sides and the back, and its finished measures are those of its front edge and of its depth.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The hood 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.
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- The ear fronts and the ear backs and the neck band 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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- The chain at the start of a round or a row never counts as a stitch. In the rounds of the back, and in the first row of the sides, the first stitch goes into the same place as the slip stitch that closed the round before. In a row that begins with a turn, the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before, at the foot of the chain.
- The rounds of the back and the first row of the sides are worked with the right side facing. Every later row begins with a chain and a turn, as its line says; nothing is turned at the end of a row.
- To change to yarn B for the front edge, pull it through in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before; cut yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The stitches that the first row of the sides leaves unworked are the back of the neck.
- In the neck band a buttonhole is made by 2 chains over 2 skipped stitches; the next row works 2 stitches into the space under those chains. The two buttonholes lie one above the other, at the same end of the band.
- An ear is two half circles, a front and a back, worked to and fro in rows from a magic ring; the ring is made as for the hood, with 1 chain to hold the loop before the first stitch of row 1, and that chain is not counted. The middle of the front is in yarn B; to change to yarn A, pull it through in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before and cut yarn B.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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 hdc is half treble.

Hood

Yarns in order of use: A, honey brown; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Back		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
Stop and measure now, after round 9. The circle, laid flat, should measure about 7¼ in (18 cm) across.		
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 35 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(74 hdc)**
Sides		
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, hdc in next 60 sts, leave remaining 14 sts unworked	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 20**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

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Front edge

☐ **Row 21**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **End** The front edge, laid straight, should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) from corner to corner. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, honey brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Pull the ring closed. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, honey brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Pull the ring closed. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Neck band

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 60.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 54 sts	**(56 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 54 sts	**(56 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Assembly

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

2. Neck edge, in yarn A, worked once along the neck. Hold the hood with the right side toward you and the neck at the top. The neck runs from one front corner along the ends of the rows to the round back, along the 14 stitches that row 11 left unworked, and along the ends of the rows to the other front corner. Join yarn A with a slip stitch in the right-hand end of the front edge, ch 1, and beginning in the same place work along the first side 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 3 rows of the front edge, then [1 single crochet in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 single crochet in the end of the next row] 2 times (15 sc); 1 single crochet in each of the 14 unworked stitches (14 sc); along the other side [2 single crochet in the end of the next row, 1 single crochet in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 2 times, then 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 3 rows of the front edge (15 sc): 44 single crochet in all. Fasten off. The neck edge should measure about 13½ in (34 cm).

3. Ear edge, in yarn A, worked once round the curve of each ear: first pull the rings of the four pieces tight once more and weave in the ends of each piece on its wrong side, the side that faced you in row 2. Then lay an ear front on an ear back with their wrong sides together, curve on curve and straight side on straight side, and hold them with the front toward you and the curve at the top. The right-hand end of the curve is then the last stitch of row 4 of the front, with the first stitch of row 4 of the back behind it. Join yarn A with a slip stitch through these two stitches, ch 1, and beginning in the same place work through both loops of both pieces at once, each stitch of the front together with the stitch of the back behind it: [1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, 2 single crochet in the next stitch] 3 times (15 sc). Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing the ear on. The straight side stays open until it is sewn to the hood. Make the second ear in the same way.

4. Placing the ears: they stand on row 18, the third row of yarn A from the front edge, with their fronts to the front edge and the straight side down. Number the 60 stitches of that row from one neck edge to the other; the middle of the row, at the top of the head, lies between stitch 30 and stitch 31. On each side of that middle leave 3 stitches free and pin the straight side of an ear over the next 9 stitches, the magic rings over the fifth of them: one ear over stitches 19 to 27, the other over stitches 34 to 42. Sew the straight side of each ear to the hood, first that of the front and then that of the back, so that the ear stands up.

5. Sewing on the neck band: its upper edge is the beginning chain. One end of the band has the two buttonholes; the beginning tail hangs there. Lay the beginning chain against the neck edge of the hood, the right sides of both outward. The first 6 chains at the end with the buttonholes stay free; the next 44 chains are pinned to the 44 single crochet of the neck edge; the last 8 chains stay free (the 2 chains that row 1 skipped are not counted). With a strand of yarn B 45 in (114 cm) long whip stitch the pinned part on, one chain to one single crochet, from one front corner of the hood to the other.

6. Buttons: bring the end with the buttonholes across under the chin and lay it over the other end and over the front corner of the hood on that side, so that the two front corners of the hood lie about 1½ in (4 cm) apart. The two buttonholes then lie one above the other at the middle of the front. Mark through them where the buttons belong on the band below, sew a button firmly to each mark, and button the band. For a child under three, two flat snap fasteners can be sewn on instead of the buttons.

Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces; 1,620 stitches (1,214 in the hood, 30 in each ear front, 30 in each ear back, 286 in the neck band).

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