Short bobble beard

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 3¾ in (10 cm) deep and about 10¼ in (26 cm) wide, measured from the edge of the mouth to the lower edge and across its widest part; a sideburn is about 3¼ in (8 cm) high without its loop, and the mouth is about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Easy

Single crochet in rows, one new stitch, small pieces sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4)

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

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

In single crochet, worked in rows.

What you need

Yarn: any one color (chestnut brown in the picture), medium (4) **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 60 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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, 7 more stitch markers, pins and a little toy stuffing for the mustache.

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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	2½ in (6 cm) deep, 7¼ in (18 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	3¼ in (8 cm) deep, 8½ in (22 cm) wide	about 95 yd (87 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	3¼ in (8 cm) deep, 9 in (23 cm) wide	about 105 yd (96 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**3¾ in (10 cm) deep, 10¼ in (26 cm) wide**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**

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Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the beard itself, along row 1, which sets the width of the mouth. A row of bobbles is counted as high as a row of single crochet; if your rows are taller, the beard only comes out that much deeper.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1 the row should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from end to end. Its 15 stitches are the edge of the mouth: 3 for one side, 1 for a corner, 7 for the bottom, 1 for the other corner and 3 for the other side. If it measures more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

Notes

- Choose the size by the head or by the face. Head: put a soft tape round its widest part, across the middle of the forehead and just above the ears. Face: lay the tape from the front of one ear, under the nose and over the upper lip, to the front of the other ear; choose the size whose width in the list below is from 1 in (2.5 cm) to 2½ in (6 cm) less than that; the two ear loops reach over the rest.
- The mustache sides are begun with a magic ring 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.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before, unless the line says otherwise. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 does not count as a stitch either.
- 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 sideburns 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.
- The mustache sides begin 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; 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 beard is worked in rows to and fro round the two sides and the bottom of the mouth; the rows grow at the two corners, so that the beard lies flat. The rows with odd numbers are worked with the right side toward you, the rows of bobbles with the wrong side toward you.
- The beard is worn by its two ear loops, which go over the ears, the side with the bobbles outward.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
4 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(15 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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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.

bbl (bobble): The wrong side faces you. In the place named work 5 unfinished double crochet (UK treble): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 5 times (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. Push the bobble through to the far side, which is the right side. In the next row the stitch over the bobble goes under the two top loops of that last pull-through.

Beard

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 16, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(15 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 1.** The row should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from end to end. Its 15 stitches are the edge of the mouth: 3 for one side, 1 for a corner, 7 for the bottom, 1 for the other corner and 3 for the other side. If it measures more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(8 sc, 7 bbl)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, 4 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 4 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(11 sc, 10 bbl)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(14 sc, 13 bbl)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(17 sc, 16 bbl)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(39 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(20 sc, 19 bbl)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(45 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(23 sc, 22 bbl)

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(51 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Laid flat the beard is now a horseshoe: its beginning chain is the edge of the mouth, and its two arms stand up beside the mouth, each about 3¾ in (10 cm) wide.	

Sideburn: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	The beard lies before you with its right side up and its two arms pointing up. Each arm ends at the top in a straight edge, and there each of its 13 rows has an edge stitch: the first or the last stitch of that row. First sideburn: on the arm at your right put a marker in the edge stitch of each of rows 7 to 13, the 7 rows nearest to the outer side of the arm. Second sideburn: do the same on the arm at your left. Row 1 is worked from right to left into the 7 stitches marked, one single crochet in each, the hook under two strands of the edge stitch. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the marked stitch farthest to the right: on the right arm it is the edge stitch of row 13, on the left arm that of row 7. The first single crochet of row 1 goes into the same stitch as this slip stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(4 sc, 3 bbl)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next st, bbl in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(5 sc, 2 bbl)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**bbl in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(4 sc, 3 bbl)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, bbl in next st, sc in next st, bbl in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc, 2 bbl)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, bbl in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 bbl)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Ear loop: ch 16, slip stitch in the first stitch of the last row, at the other end of the row, so that the chain stands up as a loop over the 3 stitches of the row; then, to make it firm, slip stitch in each of the 16 chains back to the other end of the loop. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The loop is about 5 in (13 cm) long, measured along the chain; a longer or shorter chain fits it to the ear.	

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Mustache side: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Mustache: pull the ring at the tip of each side closed once more and run its tail down inside. Stuff both sides, the thin tips too. Hold the open ends of the two sides together and with one of the long tails whip stitch the two edges together all round, stitch to stitch (12), so that the two sides make one tube with a point at each end; before the last three stitches put in a little more stuffing. Run this tail and the other long tail each down inside its own side and bring it out at round 3. Curl: take a strand of yarn 12 in (30 cm) long for each side. Fasten it in the tip and run it in small stitches along the side that shall be the upper one, through every round, from round 1 to round 3; draw it in until the tip turns up, fasten it there and run its ends inside.

2. The right side of the beard is the side with the bobbles. Lay it down with the right side up and its arms pointing up. Lay the mustache across the mouth, its seam above the middle of the bottom of the mouth and the lower edge of the seam about ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the straight upper edges of the arms, so that the mouth stays open below it, and pin it there. Each side grows thinner toward its tip, so bend it down a little as it leaves the mouth, until the middle of its rounds 3 to 5 runs along the straight upper edge of the arm: the lower half of these rounds lies on the arm, over the ends of rows 1 to 3, the upper half stands above it, and the tip turns up beyond them. Pin the sides so. With the long tail that comes out at round 3 sew the back of the lower half of rounds 3 to 5 of each side to its arm, through to the wrong side, with eight stitches, and fasten off on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Weave in every end that is left on the wrong side of the beard.

In all: 3 pieces.

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