Buffalo plaid beanie

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



Finished size
About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 9¼ in (23 cm) deep
To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet in joined rounds, two colors carried in the round, a rib

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: red, the red blocks	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dark red, the mixed blocks	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the black blocks, the brim and the pom-pom	**about 90 yd (82 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 and a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

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, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Adult, small	21¼ in (54 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)
Adult, medium (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep**	**about 200 yd (183 m)**
Adult, large	25 in (64 cm)	24 in (61 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

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.

Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, 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 crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower. 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 13, 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 12.

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 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.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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 plaid is made of two kinds of blocks in each round: a round of the red row goes from red to dark red and back, a round of the dark row from dark red to black and back. In the crown each block grows a little wider toward the sides, so every increase lies inside one block and both its stitches are in the yarn of that block.
- A yarn that comes into a round anew, at its start or in the middle of it, is laid with its end, 6 in (15 cm) long, along the top of the round before from the start of that round, and is worked over. In a round of two yarns both are carried on to the end of the round, so that each hangs at the line where the rounds are joined.
- The pom-pom can be left off.
- Adult, medium: for a head of 23 in (58 cm). The finished hat is about 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 9¼ in (23 cm) deep.

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.

Yarns in order of use: C, black; B, dark red; A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**with B, 2 sc in next st, with C, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, with C, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 4 sts, with C, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 13. 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 14**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 20**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with C, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnds 21 to 26**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

Brim

☐ **Rnd 27**	With C, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 28 to 29**	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, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

☐ 28 ☐ 29

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

Assembly

1. 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.

2. Pom-pom: wrap yarn C 130 times round a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 2¼ in (6 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the top of the crown with the two ends of the tie, through the hat and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 29 rounds.

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.