Butterfly beanie

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) deep
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, a post stitch rib, small lace pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sage green, the hat	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, the wings of two butterflies, without their edge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: salmon, the wings of two butterflies, without their edge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, the wings of two butterflies, without their edge	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: plum, the edges of the wings, the bodies and the antennae	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

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)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 240 yd (219 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep**	**about 290 yd (265 m)**

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Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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 12 rounds of half double crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 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 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

Notes

- 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 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.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the 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.
- The wings are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in joined rounds; the right side faces you in every round. In round 2 the first single crochet goes into the first double crochet of round 1, where that round was joined. For round 3 finish the joining slip stitch of round 2 with yarn E and cut the first yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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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.

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.

tr (treble crochet): Yarn over twice, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times.

Hat

Yarn A, sage green.

☐ **Foundation** — Make a magic ring.

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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 crown, laid flat, should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 10** — Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join — (78 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join — (78 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 12 **13**

> **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 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 25** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join — (78 hdc)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Brim

☐ **Rnd 26** — Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join — (78 dc)

☐ **Rnds 27 to 28** — Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 39 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join — (39 FPdc, 39 BPdc)

27 28

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

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Lilac wings: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, lilac; E, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, **[**dc in MR, ch 3**] 4 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first dc to join (4 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join (4 sc, 10 dc, 8 tr, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With E, ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join (32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn E for sewing.

Salmon wings: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, salmon; E, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, **[**dc in MR, ch 3**] 4 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first dc to join (4 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join (4 sc, 10 dc, 8 tr, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With E, ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join (32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn E for sewing.

Butter wings: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, butter; E, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, **[**dc in MR, ch 3**] 4 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first dc to join (4 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, (dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc) in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join (4 sc, 10 dc, 8 tr, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With E, ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join (32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn E for sewing.

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Body: make 6

Yarn E, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8, 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	(7 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for the antennae.	

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. Wings: the two large groups of each round 2, those with the treble crochet (UK double treble), are the upper wings, the two smaller ones the lower wings; the first stitch of round 3, where it was joined, is the top of the butterfly. Pull the ring tight once more and weave in its tail, the cut end of the first yarn and the beginning end of yarn E on the back. Keep the long tail of yarn E at the top.

3. Body: both tails of a body hang at the same end, where row 1 ends: that end is its head. Weave in the short beginning tail along the back of the body. Of the 7 stitches of the body the one at the head stands out above the wings, and the other 6 lie on the wings: lay the body, its right side up, along the middle of the wings, its second stitch counted from the head just below the edge of the wings at their top, and its other end pointing to the bottom. With the long tail of the wings sew it to the wings along the middle, beginning at that second stitch, one stitch through each of the 6 stitches. Nothing lies under the stitch at the head; leave it free for now. Keep what is left of that tail at the lower end, and the long tail of the body at the head.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. The six butterflies sit in two groups of three, one group on the front and one on the back. On the front: a lilac one at the middle of the front, its center on round 18 of the hat; a salmon one to the right and a butter one to the left of it, each with its center on round 20, 10 stitches from the middle of the front. On the back, as you look at the back: a lilac one over the line where the rounds are joined, its center on round 18; a salmon one to the right and a butter one to the left of it, each with its center on round 20, 10 stitches from that line. Pin each body with its head toward the center of the top. Sew each butterfly to the hat through the body only, from its lower end up to its head, the stitch at the head too, and down again, with the rest of the wing tail, so that all four wings stay free and lift a little. If a wing curls, catch its tip to the hat with one stitch.

5. Antennae: with the long tail of each body, single in the needle, embroider two lines on the hat that begin at the head. Each is made of 3 embroidered chain stitches: bring the needle up at the head, [hold the yarn down in a small loop, go down in the same place and come up about ¼ in (0.5 cm) farther on, inside the loop, and draw it snug] 3 times, then go down just outside the last loop to hold it. One line runs up and to the left, the other up and to the right, so that their ends are about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart. For each knob work one French knot at the end of the line. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

Finishing

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

In all: 13 pieces.

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