Cable ponytail hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20¼ in (51 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep, measured from the edge of the opening; the opening is about 2¼ in (6 cm) across
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Crossed post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: ecru tweed, medium (4) **about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 125 yd (114 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20¼ in (51 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 125 yd (114 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)

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

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rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

cab (cable of four, crossed in front): Skip the next 2 stitches, front post double crochet around each of the 2 stitches after them, then, working in front of those 2, front post double crochet around each of the 2 skipped stitches. At the start of a round the first stitch skipped is the one that was joined. One cable is counted as 1 cab and has 4 tops, one for each of its stitches, in the order in which they were worked; so a round of cables has more stitches to work into than its count says. A slip stitch that joins in the first cab goes into the top of the stitch that was worked first. In the next round the stitches over a cable go around its 4 posts in the order of their tops: first the 2 that were worked first, then the 2 that cross in front. It leaves 4 crossed front post double crochet for the next row.

FPdc (front post double crochet): 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 row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): 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 row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 below 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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 3.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 5, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 20¼ in (51 cm) round.

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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The list below gives both measures of each size.
- 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 ring of chains that stays open at the crown: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. Round 1 is worked into the ring, over the chains, not into each chain.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Woman: for a head of 22 in (56 cm). The finished hat is about 20¼ in (51 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep, measured from the edge of the opening; the opening is about 2¼ in (6 cm) across.

Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 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.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 36 dc in ring, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 3. After round 3 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(66 dc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(66 dc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. After round 5, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 20¼ in (51 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 4 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(44 FPdc, 22 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**cab over next 4 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first cab to join	**(11 cab, 22 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Repeat rnds 6 and 7 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 6, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 7.	

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

Band

☐ **Rnds 12 to 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

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

Finishing

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

In all: 14 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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