Cabled slouchy hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 12 in (30 cm) deep; it is measured round at the first round of the brim. The body is about 24 in (61 cm) round before the cables draw it in

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Crossed post stitches in joined rounds, a post stitch rib

Yarn

Medium (4)

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

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

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (heathered dusty plum in the picture), medium (4) **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 110 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 10¾ in (27 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 12 in (30 cm) deep**	**about 225 yd (206 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 12½ in (32 cm) deep	about 250 yd (229 m)

Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 8, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 24 in (61 cm) round.

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The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the three places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds; round the outside of the body with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches; and in the same way along the first round of the brim, which sets the size round. If the body measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the body 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. If the body is right and only the brim comes out larger or smaller than it says, do not begin again: work the brim once more with a smaller or a larger hook. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 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 6.

Instructions

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ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 3 is not a stitch. The first dc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 12 times: 12 times in all. (36 dc): the round now has 36; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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 round.

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.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 together; UK tr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	

Crown

☐ **Round 1**	Ch 3, 12 dc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first dc to join	(12 dc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(48 dc)

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☐ **Round 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(60 dc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(72 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 7**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(78 dc)

Sides

☐ **Round 8**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(78 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 24 in (61 cm) round.

☐ **Round 9**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 4 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(52 FPdc, 26 BPdc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 3, **[**cab over next 4 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first cab to join	(13 cab, 26 BPdc)
☐ **Rounds 11 to 17**	Repeat rounds 9 and 10 in turn: every even-numbered round is worked as round 10, every odd-numbered round as round 9.	

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Brim

☐ **Round 18**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 6 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(68 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 18.** Put the soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round. If it measures more, take out round 18 only and work the brim, from round 18 on, with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

☐ **Rounds 19 to 21**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)

19 20 21

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

Finishing

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

In all: 21 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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.

Notes

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- 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. The body of the hat is wide and deep so that it slouches, and the brim is worked on fewer stitches so that it holds. Each size is smaller round at the brim than the head it is for. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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 cables are crossed in every second round. Between the crossings each cable goes straight down as 4 front post stitches.
- In a round after a crossing the 4 front post stitches go around the 4 posts of the cable in the order of their tops, as the list of special stitches says.
- Work the post stitches loosely: a tight cable draws the hat in and makes it shallower.
- In the first round of the ribbing: where the stitch below is two double crochet worked together, the hook goes around both of its legs at once, as if they were one post.

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