Candy cane stocking cap

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 20¾ in (53 cm) deep, measured from the tip to the folded edge and without the tassel, with the brim folded up (about 22½ in (57 cm) before it is folded)

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Two yarns in turn in one spiral, a post stitch rib

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

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

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: snow white, the white rounds and the brim **about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: candy red, the red rounds and the tassel **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**

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, a piece of card 4½ in (11 cm) long for the tassel and a second stitch marker or a safety pin to hold a resting loop.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 16 in (41 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 17¾ in (45 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 19 in (48 cm) deep	about 275 yd (251 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 20¾ in (53 cm) deep**	**about 315 yd (288 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 22¼ in (57 cm) deep	about 370 yd (338 m)

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Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 23¾ in (60 cm) deep	about 410 yd (375 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
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 10 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: along the point, from its tip to the edge of a round, 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 point is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the point is shorter, 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 10 rounds of half double 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 40, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 38.

Before you start

- On a baby: leave off the tassels for a small baby, and take the cap off for sleep.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- The rounds of the hat that do not end with a join are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- 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.
- Two yarns take turns all the way down the cone, one round each, in one spiral: an odd round is red (yarn B), an even round is white (yarn A). Nothing is joined, nothing is cut and nothing is carried.
- Changing over at the end of a round: pull the loop on the hook up to about 4 in (10 cm), so that it cannot slip out, take the hook out and leave the loop hanging on the right side, on a stitch marker if you like. Put the hook into the loop of the other yarn, which has been resting in the same place, pull on its yarn until the loop sits snugly on the hook, keep the long resting loop in front of the work, out of the way, and work the next round with that yarn. A half double crochet is begun straight from this loop, without a chain.
- Where a round begins and ends: both yarns begin their rounds at the same place, so one marker is enough. The first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round just finished; the last goes into the last stitch of that round, under both its top loops. The resting loop of the other yarn comes out of that last stitch: hold it forward and work behind it.
- To wear the cap, fold the brim up to the outside along the middle of its ribbing, so that the last 3 rounds lie on the outside.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: B, candy red; A, snow white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Tail and crown

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☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	With B, 6 hdc in MR	**(6 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(6 hdc)**

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Round 1 is begun as the notes say. At its end pull the red loop up long and let it rest.

Round 2: make a slip knot with yarn A and put it on the hook; yarn over and work the first half double crochet into the first stitch of round 1, then go on round. When round 2 is finished, pull up the loop of yarn A, let it rest and take up the red loop again.

☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, hdc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(15 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(21 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(27 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(33 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(33 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(39 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With B, hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(45 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	With B, hdc in next 7 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	With B, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(51 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(51 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	With B, hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	With B, **[**hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	**(57 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(57 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	With B, hdc in next 9 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts**] 2 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 38.** The point, laid flat, should measure about 15¼ in (39 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

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☐ **Rnd 39**	With B, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 40.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 41**	With B, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	With B, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 44**	With A, hdc in each st around	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 45**	With B, hdc in next 57 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(57 hdc, 3 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 46**	With A, hdc in next 57 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(57 hdc, 3 sc)**

Brim

Red is done: pull its resting loop up, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), draw the tail through and pull it snug, and weave it in on the inside. Yarn A goes on: slip stitch in the next stitch, which is the first stitch of round 46, to level the round. The first stitch of round 47 goes into that same stitch. From here the rounds are joined and nothing rests.

Brim

☐ **Rnd 47**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**

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☐ **Rnds 48 to 53** Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join
(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)

A box for each round, 48 to 53: tick them off as you go.

48 49 50 51 52 53

☐ **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. Tassel: cut a strand of yarn B 16 in (41 cm) long and a strand 20 in (51 cm) long. Wrap yarn B 30 times round a piece of card 4½ in (11 cm) long. Pass the shorter strand under all the wraps at one edge of the card and tie it very tightly; leave its ends hanging, they sew the tassel on. Cut the wraps at the other edge. Wrap the longer strand 8 times tightly round the bundle about ¾ in (2 cm) below the tied end, knot it and hide its ends inside. Trim the tassel level. Sew it with the two ends of its tie to the tip of the cap, through round 1, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except the one at the lower edge of the brim: that edge is folded up to the outside, so weave its end on the right side of the brim, which the fold hides.

In all: 53 rounds.

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