Winter cardinal beanie

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 10¼ in (26 cm) deep
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

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

Yarn
Light (3), 8 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: winter blue, the hat	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the brim, the pom-pom, the snow and the light in the eye	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the body, the tail and the head with its crest	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: garnet red, the wing	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the mask, the eye and the feet	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: orange, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: pine, the needles of the bough	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: brown, the bough	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 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 stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins 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. Yarns A, B, C, D, E and F: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns G and H: the estimate is from the stitches 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, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 275 yd (251 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 295 yd (270 m)

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Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 10¼ in (26 cm) deep**	**about 320 yd (293 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm) round, 10½ in (27 cm) deep	about 355 yd (325 m)

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.
- 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).
- The bird body, the tail, the head with crest, the wing, the mask and the beak are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.

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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, **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.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, winter blue; B, white.

☐ **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.

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 26**	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 26

Brim

☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(78 dc)
☐ **Rnds 28 to 29**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 39 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(39 FPdc, 39 BPdc)

28 29

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

Bird body

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)

3 4 5 6 7

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Head with crest

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Wing

Yarn D, garnet red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Mask

Yarn E, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn F, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

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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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side, which is the inside of a piece that is stuffed or flattened. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. 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 bird is seen from its side: it faces left and leans a little, its head up to the left and its tail down to the right. A piece that is called double below is flattened, and both its faces are its right side.

4. Body, tail and head: shape the body to an oval about 3 in (8 cm) long and 2 in (5 cm) wide. Pin it flat to the front, its center on round 18 of the hat at the middle of the front, its upper end 2 stitches to the left of the middle and its lower end 2 stitches to the right of it. Tail (double): flatten it and close its open end across with whip stitch, 4 stitches of one layer to 4 of the other. Slip the closed end under the lower end of the body, so that the body covers one round of the tail and the tail goes on in the line of the body, down and a little to the right, and pin it. Head with crest (double): flatten it so that the increases of its round 7 lie at the two edges and close its open end across with whip stitch, 5 stitches of one layer to 5 of the other. The closed end is the throat of the bird, the pointed end its crest. Slip the closed end under the upper end of the body, so that at its middle the body covers 2 rounds of the head, and turn the head so that the tip of the crest, on whatever round it reaches, lies 1 stitch to the right of the middle of the front. Pin it. Sew the body down all round by the stitches of its last round, through the tail and the head too where it lies over them. Then sew the two long edges and the round end of the tail to the hat, and the head all round by its edge, as far as it lies outside the body.

5. Wing (double): flatten it so that the increases of its round 5 lie at the two edges and close its open end across with whip stitch, 3 stitches of one layer to 3 of the other. The closed end is the shoulder. Lay the middle of it on the body, straight above the center of the body and about ½ in (1.5 cm) from it, and turn the wing so that it points down and to the right, along the body. The wing is about 2 in (5 cm) long, so its tip comes near the lower end of the body. Sew the closed end to the body along its outer face and then along its inner face, and catch the tip down with one stitch where it lies.

6. Mask: lay it on the head, its right side outward, with its center beside the end of round 8 of the head (count from the tip of the crest; it is the last round that the body leaves uncovered at the middle of the head), ½ in (1.5 cm) inside the left edge of the head, so that the edge of the mask comes close to the edge of the head. Sew it down all round by the stitches of its last round, to the head and, where it reaches over the edge of the body, to the body.

7. Beak (double): flatten it and close its open end across with whip stitch, 2 stitches of one layer to 2 of the other. Lay the closed end upright on the mask, its middle ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the left of the center of the mask, the tip of the beak pointing left and out over the edge of the head; black shows above and below the closed end and to the right of it. Sew the closed end to the mask and the head along its outer face and then along its inner face, and catch the tip to the hat with one stitch.

8. Eye: with a strand of yarn E 16 in (41 cm) long, held double in the needle, work one French knot on the head, ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right of the center of the mask and ½ in (1.5 cm) higher, so that a little red shows between the knot and the mask. 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. Then with a strand of yarn B 10 in (25 cm) long, single in the needle, work one very short straight stitch on the upper left of the knot, into the knot itself, for the light in the eye.

9. Bough: with yarn H, single in the needle, embroider two lines of chain stitch on the hat, one close under the other so that they touch, the upper one on round 23 of the hat, from 11 stitches to the left of the middle of the front to 11 stitches to the right of it. Where a line comes to the tail, or to the lower end of the body, work straight on across it,

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through the piece and the hat together. Each chain stitch covers one stitch of the hat, and across a piece it is as long as the others: come up at the beginning of the line, [hold the yarn down in a small loop, go down in the same place and come up one stitch of the hat farther on, inside the loop, and draw it snug] to the end, then go down just outside the last loop. Needles: with yarn G, single in the needle, work two straight stitches at every stitch of the hat from the 3rd to the 11th to the left of the middle of the front and from the 5th to the 11th to the right of it. Both begin between the two lines of the bough, at that stitch, and slant outward, away from the bird, one up and one down, each about 3 stitches of the hat long. At each end of the bough work one more straight stitch of the same length, straight on in its line.

10. Feet: with yarn E held double in the needle, work two feet, one 1 stitch to the left of the middle of the front and one 1 stitch to the right of it. For each foot work one straight stitch from the lower edge of the body down to the middle of the bough, then three toes. All three begin where that stitch ends, in the middle of the bough, and all three end just below the lower line of the bough: the middle toe straight below its beginning, the left toe ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the left of the end of the middle toe and the right toe ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the right of it. The foot on the right lies over the tail.

11. Snow: with yarn B, single in the needle, work French knots round the hat, going from the right side of the bird round the back to its left side: on round 6 every 8th stitch, 6 knots, the first 4 stitches to the right of the middle of the front; on round 8 every 8th stitch, 8 knots, the first 4 stitches to the right of the middle of the front; on round 11 every 6th stitch, 11 knots, the first 9 stitches to the right of the middle of the front and the last 9 stitches to the left of it; on round 14 every 6th stitch, 10 knots, the first 12 stitches to the right of the middle of the front and the last 12 stitches to the left of it; on round 17 every 6th stitch, 11 knots, the first 9 stitches to the right of the middle of the front and the last 9 stitches to the left of it; on round 20 every 6th stitch, 8 knots, the first 18 stitches to the right of the middle of the front and the last 18 stitches to the left of it; on round 23 every 6th stitch, 8 knots, the first 16 stitches to the right of the middle of the front and the last 20 stitches to the left of it. Fasten the yarn on the inside after every few knots and do not draw it tight between them, so that the hat can stretch.

12. Pom-pom: wrap yarn B 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 (41 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: 7 pieces.

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