Party hat for cats

Medium cat, head 9½ in (24 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 9¼ in (23 cm) round and about 4½ in (11 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the tip to the edge; the two ear openings are about 1½ in (4 cm) wide and lie about ¾ in (2 cm) above the edge

To fit a head of 9½ in (24 cm)

Skill

Easy

A spiral of single crochet with stripes and two openings

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: bubblegum, the pink stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: aqua, the blue stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, the yellow stripes, the edge, the ties and the pom-pom	**about 30 yd (27 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 and a piece of card 1½ in (4 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. 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
Small cat	8 in (20 cm)	7½ in (19 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep	about 45 yd (41 m)
Medium cat (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**9¼ in (23 cm) round, 4½ in (11 cm) deep**	**about 50 yd (46 m)**
Large cat	11½ in (29 cm)	11 in (28 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 65 yd (59 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 9¼ in (23 cm) round.

Before you start

- Measure the cat round the head where the hat will sit: lay a soft tape across the brow above the eyes, below the base of each ear and round the back of the head, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made from about ¼ to about ½ in (0.5 to 1.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole stitches allow. The ears come out through the two openings and the ties are fastened loosely under the chin. The hat is worn for a short time only, while somebody is there.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; 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.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last 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).

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- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium cat, head 9½ in (24 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 sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, bubblegum; B, aqua; C, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Point

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With C, sc in each st around	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The point, laid flat, should measure about 3½ in (9 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 9¼ in (23 cm) round.

Sides

The next round leaves two openings for the ears. The 6 stitches between them are the front, over the brow; the 7 stitches before the first and the 7 after the second are the back. Each chain is 2 longer than the 5 stitches it skips, so that the openings stand open.

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in next 7 sts, ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 6 sts, ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(20 sc, 2 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 7 sts, 5 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 6 sts, 5 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 7 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**

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Edge

☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. 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. Ties (make 2, one below each ear opening): for each tie cut 3 strands of yarn C 21 in (53 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through one stitch of the last round of the hat, straight below the middle of the opening, so that 6 ends hang level; part them in 3 pairs, braid for about 7 in (18 cm), knot and trim the ends.

3. Pom-pom: wrap yarn C 90 times round a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 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 1¼ in (3 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the tip of the point 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: 16 rounds; 332 stitches.

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