Cat ears headband

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ in (50 cm) round and about 1½ in (4 cm) wide
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Easy
Post stitches in joined rounds, small triangles in rows

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 (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: charcoal, the band, the outer ears and the edging **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the inner ears **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 30 g in all, 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, scissors and pins.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 45 yd (41 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 45 yd (41 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19 in (48 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) wide	about 55 yd (50 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**19¾ in (50 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) wide**	**about 55 yd (50 m)**

Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1, put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 19¾ in (50 cm) round.

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The gauge is measured on the headband itself, at the round named: put a soft tape round its outside along the round just worked, without pulling it in. If it measures more than the round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. 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.

Instructions

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ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first FPhdc goes **where the slip stitch went**. **Working in the round**

[ ] 32 times: 32 times in all. (32 FPhdc, 32 BPhdc): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side.

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

Special stitches

FPhdc (front post half double crochet; UK FPhtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. The post stands out toward you.

BPhdc (back post half double crochet; UK BPhtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. The post stands away from you.

Headband

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 64, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Band

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each ch around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 19¾ in (50 cm) round. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Rounds 2 to 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(32 FPhdc, 32 BPhdc)

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Top edge

☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Outer ear: make 2

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Start**	Ch 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st	(2 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Start**	Ch 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(7 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends of the four triangles on their wrong sides. Row 1 is the tip of a triangle and its last row, the long one, is the base.

2. Ears (make 2): lay an inner ear on an outer ear, wrong sides together, so that the right sides are outside, tip on tip and base on base, and hold them with the inner ear toward you and the base at the bottom. The edging goes through both layers at once. With yarn A make a slip knot on the hook, its knot behind the hook. Begin at the right-hand end of the base and work up the right side to the tip, over the tip and down the left side: 1 single crochet in the end of each row, 7 in all, the first of these 7 worked from the slip knot on the hook and the last of them in the end of row 1; 3 single crochet in the chain at the tip, the chain that row 1 was worked into; 1 single crochet in the end of each row down the left side, 7 in all. That is 17 single crochet. The base has no edging. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 22 in (56 cm) for sewing, and weave in the beginning tail between the layers.

3. Placing the ears: hold the band with its right side toward you and round 4, the top edge, uppermost. Number the 64 stitches of round 4 in the order in which you worked them: the first single crochet of the round is stitch 1. One ear stands on stitches 22 to 30, the other on stitches 35 to 43; 4 stitches lie free between them, and these are the middle of the front.

4. Sewing: the base of an ear is 9 stitches wide: the first stitch of the edging, the 7 stitches of the last rows of the two triangles, and the last stitch of the edging. Pin each ear on its 9 stitches, the inner ear to the front. With the long tail sew it to the top edge with whip stitch, one stitch of the ear to one stitch of round 4: first along the front, through the inner ear, then back along the back, through the outer ear, so that the ear stands up by itself. Fasten off on the inside.

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Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces.

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

- 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 ribs stretch: each size is made smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The headband begins with a ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail.
- The right side of the headband 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.
- 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.
- The outer ears and the inner ears are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before. The first FPhdc of a round goes around the stitch that was joined. In rounds of ribs a front post stitch always stands over a front post stitch and a back post stitch over a back post stitch.

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