Cat hood scarf with paw pockets

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 24 in (61 cm) round and about 9½ in (24 cm) deep; the first measure is along the front edge of the hood, from one side of the neck over the top of the head to the other, and the second from the back seam to the front edge. Each scarf end is about 5¼ in (13 cm) wide and about 23¼ in (59 cm) long, and its pocket is about 5¼ in (13 cm) deep

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Half double crochet in rows, one seam, small pieces to sew on

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 black, the hood, the scarf ends and the ears **about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: rose pink, the edging, the inner ears and the paws **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 340 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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, pins, 1 toggle button about 1½ in (4 cm) long, a sewing needle and sewing thread for the toggle.

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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	20¾ in (53 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 520 yd (475 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	22½ in (57 cm) round, 9 in (23 cm) deep	about 620 yd (567 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep**	**about 675 yd (617 m)**

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Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the hood itself, laid flat after the tenth row: along a row, which checks the stitches, and then across the rows, which sets the size along the front edge. If the rows measure more than they should, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 10, lay the piece flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 9½ in (24 cm) long.

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. A hood does not go round the whole head: it covers the top, the sides and the back, and its finished measures are those of its front edge and of its depth.
- The paw pads and the toes are begun with a magic ring 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 chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before. The chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either. In the middle of the hood one stitch is decreased at the back edge in each of six rows and then one is increased there in each of six rows: this rounds the back of the head.
- 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 scarf ends and the 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.
- The hood is one flat strip: its rows run from the back of the hood to the front and back again, and the strip grows from one side of the neck over the top of the head to the other side of the neck. Row 1 begins at the back edge. The scarf ends go on from its two ends without a seam.
- 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; 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 ends of a scarf can catch: for a child tuck them into the coat, and take the hood off for play, for sleep and in a car seat.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half 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 29 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.

(31 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Hood

Yarn A, charcoal black.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(31 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(31 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 10.** Lay the piece flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 9½ in (24 cm) long. Then measure across the rows: the 10 rows should measure about 4 in (10 cm) from the outer side of row 1 to the outer side of row 10. If the 10 rows measure more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the 10 rows measure right and the row is longer or shorter than it should be, keep the hook: the hood only comes out that much deeper or shallower.

☐ **Rows 11 to 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(31 hdc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in next 29 sts	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 28 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(29 hdc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in next 27 sts	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(27 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in next 25 sts	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(25 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 25 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(27 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(29 hdc)

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☐ **Row 35**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(31 hdc)
☐ **Rows 37 to 60**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(31 hdc)

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for the back seam.

Scarf end: make 2

Yarn A, charcoal black.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hood facing you. First scarf end: hold the hood with its last row, row 60, at the top; the front edge is at your left. Count 17 stitches along the last row from the front edge toward the back and put a stitch marker in the last of them: from the marker to the front edge are the 17 stitches marked for this scarf end. Join yarn A with a slip stitch in the stitch with the marker. Second scarf end: hold the hood with the beginning chain at the top; the front edge is at your right. The 17 chains nearest to the front edge, each of which carries a stitch of row 1 of the hood, are the 17 stitches marked for this scarf end. Join yarn A with a slip stitch in the chain at the right-hand corner; the stitches of row 1 go into these chains, one in each. In both, the first half double crochet of row 1 goes into the same place as the slip stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in first st, hdc in next 16 sts	(17 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 56**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(17 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

☐ **Row 57**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(15 hdc)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(13 hdc)
☐ **Row 59**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(15 hdc)
☐ **Row 60**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(17 hdc)
☐ **Rows 61 to 71**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(17 hdc)

61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing the pocket.

Ear: make 4

Yarn A, charcoal black.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(9 sc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Paw pad: make 2

Yarn B, rose pink.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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Toe: make 8

Yarn B, rose pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Back seam: the hood has two long edges made of the ends of its rows. The back edge is the one where the long tail hangs; the front edge is the other one. Fold the hood in half with the right side in, so that the last row lies against the beginning chain, the two scarf ends lie on each other and so do the two halves of the back edge. With the long tail whip stitch the back edge together from the corner where that tail hangs up to the fold, the end of one row to the end of one row, 30 rows on each side. Fasten off and turn the hood right side out. What is left free of the last row and of the beginning chain, between the scarf ends and the seam, is the edge of the neck.

2. Front edging, in yarn B, worked once along the whole front edge, from the top of one pocket over the head to the top of the other; row 45 of a scarf end is the last row that the folded pocket leaves free, for the pocket lies on rows 46 to 58. Hold the piece with the right side toward you and the front edge at the top. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in the end of row 45 of the scarf end at your right, the one that was worked on the last row of the hood, ch 1, and beginning in the same place work [1 single crochet in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 single crochet in the end of the next row] 50 times: along the 45 rows of that scarf end, the 60 rows of the hood and the 45 rows of the other scarf end, ending in the end of its row 45 (200 sc). Fasten off.

3. Ear edge, in yarn A: first weave in the ends of the four ear pieces on their wrong sides, the sides that faced you in row 2. Lay two of them on each other with their wrong sides together, point on point and beginning chain on beginning chain, the beginning chains at the bottom, and work through the edges of both at once. Join yarn A with a slip stitch in the lower right-hand corner, in the ends of row 1 of both pieces, ch 1, and beginning in the same place work 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 13 rows up to the point, 1 more single crochet in the end of row 13 at the point, and 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 13 rows down the other side: 27 single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing the ear on. Make the second ear in the same way.

4. Inner ears: lay an inner ear on one face of each ear, its right side up, its beginning chain level with the beginning chains of the ear and the same number of stitches of the ear free on each side of it. With its tail whip stitch it down all round, through that face of the ear only. That face is the front of the ear.

5. Placing the ears: the middle of the top of the head lies between row 30 and row 31 of the hood. Each ear stands across the rows, parallel to the front edge, over the 7th stitch from the front edge (the edging is not counted). On each side of the middle leave 3 rows free and pin the beginning chains of an ear over the next 10 rows, one ear over rows 18 to 27, the other over rows 34 to 43, the inner ear toward the front edge and the point up. Sew first the front edge and then the back edge of each ear to the hood, so that it stands upright.

6. Paws, sewn on before the pockets are folded up. They lie on rows 59 to 71 of each scarf end, on its wrong side, the side that faced away from you in row 1: when the pocket is folded up, that side is outside. The pad lies nearest to row 59, which is beside the fold, and the toes above it, toward row 71, the open edge of the pocket, so that each paw print stands upright when the scarf end hangs down. Before a piece is sewn down pull its ring tight and weave in the tail of the ring on its wrong side; its right side, the side that faced you, is up. Pin the paw pad with its center on row 62, over stitch 9 of the 17, which is the middle stitch. Pin the four toes in an arch above it: the two inner toes with their centers on row 66, over stitch 7 and stitch 11, and the two outer toes with their centers on row 64, over stitch 5 and stitch 13. With its own long tail whip stitch each piece down all round, one stitch of its last round at a time, 18 for a pad and 8 for a toe.

7. Pockets: the pocket of each scarf end is its last 13 rows, rows 59 to 71. Fold them up onto the right side of the

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scarf end, along the line between row 58 and row 59, so that the last row, row 71, lies on row 46 and the two narrow rows beside the fold round the lower corners. The right side is the one that faced you in row 1. Whip stitch each side of the pocket to the side of the scarf end that lies under it, the end of one row to the end of one row, 13 on each side, from the fold up to the last row: one side with the long tail at the end of the last row, sewn from the top of the pocket down to the fold, the other side with a strand of yarn A 20 in (51 cm) long. Sew twice into the same place at the top of each side. The last row is the open edge, and a hand goes in from above.

8. Toggle and loop: they sit where the hood meets the scarf ends. Loop, in yarn B: ch 12, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Fold it in half and with the two tails sew both its ends to the wrong side of the front edging, at row 1 of the scarf end that was worked on the beginning chain, so that the loop stands out beyond the edge. Sew the toggle with thread to the right side of the other scarf end, on its row 1, over the second stitch from the front edge. Close the hood by pushing the toggle through the loop.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hood.
- Weave in the yarn ends of the scarf ends and the pockets inside the pockets or along the rows, on the side that faced away from you in row 1.

In all: 17 pieces; 4,838 stitches (1,824 in the hood, 1,199 in each scarf end, 96 in each ear, 48 in each inner ear, 36 in each paw pad, 8 in each toe).

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