Checkerboard beanie

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Two colors carried in the round

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 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: black, the dark squares and the band **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the light squares **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 155 yd (142 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)

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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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
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: 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 pattern also stops you to measure after round 11.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 14, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

Before you start

- 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 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.
- 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last stitch, or where the round is joined its 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).

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- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.
- Woman: for a head of 22 in (56 cm). The finished hat is about 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 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 and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 11. After round 11 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¼ in (16 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 32 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 14. After round 14, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

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☐	**Rnds 16 to 17**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐	**Rnds 18 to 19**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐	**Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐	**Rnds 22 to 23**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐	**Rnds 24 to 25**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

☐	**Rnd 26**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

Band

☐	**Rnds 27 to 30**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 30: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30

☐	**End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 30 rounds; 1,688 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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