Chicken hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: white, the hat, the wings and the knots in the eyes	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the comb and the wattles	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: orange, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cinnamon, the tips of the wings	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 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 and a little toy stuffing for the comb and the beak.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 210 yd (192 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)

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Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 245 yd (224 m)
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 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 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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.
- The middle comb lobe, the second comb lobes, the end comb lobes, the beak, the wattles, the eyes and the wings 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.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- 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.
- 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), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **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

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

Yarn A, 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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 17**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17

Band

☐ **Rnds 18 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

18 19 20 21

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

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Middle comb lobe

Yarn B, 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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Sc in each st around 3 4 5 6 7	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Second comb lobe: make 2

Yarn B, 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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Sc in each st around 3 4 5 6	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

End comb lobe: make 2

Yarn B, 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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around 3 4 5	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn C, orange.

☐ **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 next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Wattle: make 2

Yarn B, 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 next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Wing: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, cinnamon; A, white.

☐ **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 next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9** 8 9	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn A 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 line from the middle of the front over the center of the top to the middle of the back is called the center line.

4. Comb: stuff each lobe lightly. Open the lower end of a lobe to an oval about 1 in (2.5 cm) long and ½ in (1.5 cm) wide. The five lobes stand upright in one row on the center line, the long way of each oval along that line: the middle lobe with the center of its oval ½ in (1.5 cm) behind the center of the top, a second lobe in front of it and one behind it, an end lobe in front of the front one and one behind the back one. The centers of the ovals are 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, so that the ovals touch end to end; the center of the foremost one is 1½ in (4 cm) in front of the center of the top and that of the hindmost one 2½ in (6 cm) behind it. Pin all five, then sew each down all round, and with what is left of the tail of each second lobe work two stitches through the middle lobe next to it and two through the end lobe next to it, at about half the height of the shorter one of the two, so that the row stands together.

5. Beak: run the tail of its ring down inside. Stuff the beak firmly. Sew its open edge, opened to a ring, to the middle of the front all round, the center of the ring on round 14 of the hat. Sewn so, the beak stands straight out. Now tip it down with two stitches of the same tail. For each of them bring the needle out of the hat at the middle of the front, close under the lower edge of the beak, take it through one stitch on the underside of round 5 of the beak, which is the round next to its sewn edge, and back into the hat close under that edge. Draw both stitches up until the tip of the beak is about ½ in (1.5 cm) lower than the center of the ring, and fasten the tail on the inside of the hat.

6. Wattles: flatten each wattle and close its open end across with whip stitch, 3 stitches of one layer to 3 of the other; the long sewing tail does it. The two wattles hang side by side under the beak: lay the closed end of each level on round 16 of the hat, one on each side of the middle of the front, their inner ends touching there, and sew each closed end down along its whole width with the rest of the tail. The rest of each wattle hangs free. (A wattle is double and both its faces are its right side.)

7. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 11 of the hat, 6 stitches from the middle. With a strand of yarn A 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. 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.

8. Wings: weave in the ends of yarn E and the cut beginning of yarn A on the inside of each wing. Flatten each wing and close it across the open end with whip stitch, 6 stitches of one layer to 6 of the other. (A wing is double and both its faces are its right side.) A wing sits on each side of the hat: its closed end is upright, 11 stitches from the middle of the front, with its middle on round 14 of the hat, so that the closed end is about 1¾ in (4 cm) tall and the wing points straight to the back, its cinnamon tip last. Sew the closed end to the hat along its outer face and then along its inner face. The rest of the wing is free and stands a little away from the hat.

Finishing

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

In all: 13 pieces; 1,775 stitches (1,064 in the hat, 74 in the middle comb lobe, 64 in each second comb lobe, 54 in each end comb lobe, 45 in the beak, 32 in each wattle, 18 in each eye, 128 in each wing).

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