Chunky balaclava hood with a drawcord

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 23¼ in (59 cm) round and about 21¼ in (54 cm) tall; the first measure is round the cowl, and the second from the lower edge of the cowl, unrolled, to the seam along the top. The cowl is about 9¼ in (23 cm) high, and half as high when it is rolled down. The hood above it is about 12 in (30 cm) high and, folded flat, about 11¼ in (29 cm) from the front edge to the back with its edging

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Moss stitch in rounds and in rows, one seam, an edge with holes

Yarn

Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In moss stitch, each single crochet and each chain counted as a stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: oatmeal tweed, the cowl and the hood **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: chestnut brown, the cord and the pom-poms **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide for the pom-poms.

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
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm) round, 20 in (51 cm) tall	about 315 yd (288 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**23¼ in (59 cm) round, 21¼ in (54 cm) tall**	**about 340 yd (311 m)**

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm) round, 22 in (56 cm) tall	about 370 yd (338 m)

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch, each single crochet and each chain counted as a stitch.

The gauge is measured on the hood itself, round the outside along round 1, which is plain single crochet and sets the size round: if it measures more than the line under round 1 says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. It is checked once more on the hood part, along a row. The heights are worked out from the rounds and rows: to 4 in (10 cm) go 12 of them.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 38, lay the hood part flat and measure it along that row: it should be about 20¾ in (53 cm) from front edge to front edge.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 1.

Notes

- Measure the head: 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 hood is pulled on over the head and is meant to be loose: its cowl is about as large round as the head or a little larger. The list below gives the measures of each size.
- The hood 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.
- Moss stitch in rounds: a single crochet and a chain in turn. Round 2 works into every second stitch. From round 3 on every single crochet goes into a chain space of the round before, under the chain and not into it. Each of these rounds begins with a slip stitch into the first chain space, just after the stitch that was joined; chain 1, which does not count, and work the first single crochet into that same space. The chain 1 that stands at the end of a round is followed at once by the slip stitch in the first single crochet. In this way the beginning of the round moves one stitch on in every round, and the line of the joins slants round the cowl: that is as it should be. In the last round of the cowl 2 single crochet go into every space.
- 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 right side faces you in every round of the cowl. Rounds 1 and 2 begin with a chain 1 that does not count as a stitch, and the first single crochet of round 2 goes into the stitch that was joined; from round 3 on a round begins as the note on moss stitch says. Every round ends with a slip stitch in its first single crochet.
- The first row of the hood begins with 4 slip stitches: the first of them goes into the joined stitch itself, the other three into the next 3 stitches. Chain 1, and work the first single crochet into the stitch after the 4th slip stitch. That row is worked with the right side facing; every later row begins with a chain and a turn. The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch; after the turn the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before, and the last one into its first stitch.
- In the rows, "sc in next ch-1 sp" goes under the chain, into the gap. Where a line says "ch 1, sk next st", the chain takes the place of the stitch that is skipped.
- The middle of the front is the stitch of the last round of the cowl that was joined, the first single crochet of that round. The joins of the rounds below it lie to one side of it.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 32 times: work what is inside 32 times in all.
(64 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, oatmeal tweed; B, chestnut brown, to finish.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 64, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Cowl

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hood along that round, without pulling it in: the hood should measure about 23¼ in (59 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 32 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 27**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 31 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 32 ch-1 sps)

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

☐ **Rnd 28**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 31 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)

Above the cowl

From here the hood is worked in rows. The 7 stitches at the middle of the front are left free under the chin: the stitch that was joined and 3 on each side of it.

☐ **Row 29**	Sl st in next 4 sts, ch 1, sc in next 57 sts, leave remaining 3 sts unworked	(57 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 28 times**	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 38.** Lay the hood part flat and measure it along that row: it should be about 20¾ in (53 cm) from front edge to front edge. Then measure straight up the rows: the 10 rows from row 29 to row 38 should measure about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm). If the row is longer, the hood comes out deeper from front to back by half of what it is too long, and if it is shorter, that much shallower; where that is more than you want, pull the rows out, back to the end of round 28, and work them again with a smaller hook if the row was too long, with a larger one if it was too short. If the row is right and the 10 rows are not, keep the hook: the hood only comes out that much taller or lower.

☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 55**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 57**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 59**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 60**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st	(29 sc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 63**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 27 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st	(30 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 27 times**, sc in next st	(57 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 45 in (114 cm) for the top seam.	

Assembly

1. Top seam: turn the hood inside out and fold its last row in half, so that the first stitch of the row lies on its last stitch. The long tail hangs at the front. With it whip stitch the two halves together through both loops, from the front edge to the fold at the back, one stitch to one stitch: 28 pairs; the stitch at the fold has no partner. Do not cut the tail.

2. Rounding the back: the seam ends in a point at the back. With the hood still inside out flatten that point, so that the seam runs down the middle of a small triangle. Measure 1½ in (4 cm) from the tip along the seam, and there sew straight across the triangle with the same tail, in running stitch through both layers, about 3 in (8 cm) from edge to edge, and back again. Fasten off and leave the little triangle inside. Turn the hood right side out.

3. Edge with the holes for the cord, in yarn A, 3 rounds round the whole opening. Hold the hood upright with the right side of the front toward you. Round 1: join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 7 free stitches of round 28, the one at the right-hand end, ch 1, and beginning in the same stitch work 1 single crochet in each of the 7 free stitches (4 of them carry the slip stitches of row 29: work over these, into the stitch itself) (7 sc); up the edge on your left 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 36 rows (36 sc); 1 single crochet in the end of the top seam (1 sc); down the edge on your right 1 single crochet in the end of each of the 36 rows (36 sc). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 80 single crochet. Round 2: slip stitch in the next stitch, the 2nd one of round 1, ch 2 (not counted), [1 half double crochet (UK half treble) in the next stitch, ch 1, skip the next stitch] 40 times, the first half double crochet in the stitch of that slip stitch and the last chain over the first stitch of round 1, slip stitch in the first half double crochet to join: 40 half double crochet and 40 chain spaces. One of the half double crochet now stands over the 4th of the 7 free stitches, the middle of the front. Half double crochet: yarn over, pull up a loop in the place named, yarn over and pull

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through all 3 loops. Round 3: ch 1, [1 single crochet in the next half double crochet, 1 single crochet in the next chain space] 40 times, the first in the joined stitch, slip stitch in the first single crochet to join (80 sc). Fasten off.

4. Cord, in yarn B: ch 161, slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end (160 sl sts). Fasten off and weave both its ends in along the cord. It should be about 58¼ in (148 cm) long. With the right side of the hood toward you find the half double crochet of round 2 at the middle of the front. Take one end of the cord in, from the right side to the inside, through the chain space just to the left of it, out through the next space to the left, and so on, in and out in turn, up one side of the face, over the top and down the other side; through the last of the 40 spaces, just to the right of that half double crochet, it comes out to the right side. Draw the cord through until both ends are equally long; they are drawn up and tied in a bow under the chin.

5. Pom-poms (make 2), in yarn B: wrap the yarn 80 times round a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off and tie them very tightly round the middle with a strand 16 in (41 cm) long; leave both ends of this tie hanging long and 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 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. With the two ends of its tie sew a pom-pom firmly to each end of the cord, through the cord and back through the middle of the pom-pom, and cut them off level with the ball.

6. Roll the cowl down: fold it in half to the outside, so that its lower edge comes up to the foot of the hood and the fold lies about 4¾ in (12 cm) below it. The wrong side of the lower half is then outside. The roll is not sewn.

Finishing

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

In all: 64 rounds and rows; 2,077 stitches.

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