Chunky hood

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21¾ in (55 cm) round and about 14¼ in (36 cm) deep; the first measure is round the neck, along the beginning chain (the rib draws in), and the second from the lower edge of the neck to the top. Above the neck the hood is about 10¾ in (27 cm) high and, laid flat on its side, about 10½ in (27 cm) from the outer side of the front edge, its two rounds of single crochet counted in, to the fold at the back

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A ribbed neck in joined rounds, then rows with a few decreases, and one short seam

Yarn

Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

You will need

Yarn A: heathered dusty teal, the hood **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**

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

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2), 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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19 in (48 cm) round, 12½ in (32 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 14¼ in (36 cm) deep	about 290 yd (265 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21¾ in (55 cm) round, 14¼ in (36 cm) deep**	**about 315 yd (288 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next row or round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next row or round.

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. It leaves 1 half double crochet for the next row or round.

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the hood itself, after the ninth row above the neck: along the row, which checks the stitches, and straight up the rows, which checks their height. If the row is longer than it should be, begin again with a smaller hook; if shorter, with a larger one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 15, lay the hood part flat and measure it along that row: it should be about 19¾ in (50 cm) from front edge to front edge.

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. The hood is pulled on over the head, so its neck is begun on a chain about as long as the head is round; the rib above it stretches.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- 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.
- 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, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.

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- 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 of the neck faces you in every round. A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch; the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch. The line where the rounds are joined is the middle of the front.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is.
- A "ch-1 sp" is the gap under a chain of the round before: put the hook under that chain, into the gap.
- The first row of the hood begins with 3 slip stitches: the first of them goes into the joined stitch itself, the other two into the next two stitches. Ch 2 from there, and work the first half double crochet into the stitch after the third 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 the first stitch of the row before.
- The four stitches at the middle of a row with decreases are worked through both loops, as two hdc2tog; all the others of that row are worked in the back loop only.

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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarn A, heathered dusty teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 60, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Neck

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

Hood

From here the hood is worked in rows. The 6 stitches at the middle of the front, 3 on each side of the line where the rounds are joined, are left free under the chin.

☐ **Row 7**	Sl st in next 3 sts, ch 2, hdc in next 54 sts, leave remaining 3 sts unworked	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 15**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(54 hdc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 15: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

8 9 10 11 12 13 14 **15**

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Stop and measure now, after row 15. Lay the hood part flat and measure it along that row: it should be about 19¾ in (50 cm) from front edge to front edge. Then measure straight up the rows: the 8 rows from row 8 to row 15 should measure about 3½ in (9 cm). If the row is longer than it should be, begin again with a smaller hook; if shorter, with a larger one. If the row is right and the 8 rows are not, the hood only comes out that much taller or lower.

☐ **Rows 16 to 20**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(54 hdc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 20: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 25 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 25 sts	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 24 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 24 sts	**(50 hdc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 23 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 23 sts	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 22 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 22 sts	**(46 hdc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 21 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 21 sts	**(44 hdc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 19 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 19 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 18 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 18 sts	**(38 hdc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 17 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 17 sts	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 16 sts, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 16 sts	**(34 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for the top seam.	

Assembly

1. Top seam: fold the last row in half with the right side in, so that its first stitch lies on its last stitch. The long tail hangs at the front. With it whip stitch the two halves together from the front edge to the fold, one stitch to one stitch through both loops, 17 pairs. Fasten off and turn the hood right side out. The 10 rows with decreases round the hood off at the back of the top.

2. Front edge, two rounds of single crochet 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 6 free stitches at the middle of the front, the one at the right-hand end, and ch 1. Beginning in that same stitch work 1 single crochet in each of the 6 free stitches of round 6 (three of them carry the slip stitches of row 7: work over these, into the stitch itself) (6 sc); up the front edge on your left [1 single crochet in the end of each of the next 3 rows, 2 single crochet in the end of the next row] 6 times (30 sc); 1 single crochet in the end of the top seam (1 sc); down the front edge on your right [2 single crochet in the end of the next row, 1 single crochet in the end of each of the next 3 rows] 6 times (30 sc). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 67 single crochet. Round 2: ch 1, single crochet in each stitch around, the first in the joined stitch, slip stitch in the first single

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crochet to join (67 sc). Fasten off.

3. Cord, in yarn B: ch 141, slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end (140 sl sts). Fasten off. It should be about 51 in (130 cm) long. With the right side of the hood toward you take one end of the cord in, from the right side to the inside, through the chain space of round 5 just to the left of the joined line at the middle of the front, out through the next space, and so on, in and out in turn, round the whole neck; from the last of the 30 spaces, just to the right of the joined line, it comes out on the right side. Draw it through until both ends are equally long. They tie in a bow under the chin.

4. 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 (40 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.

Finishing

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

In all: 30 rounds and rows.

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