Cotton mesh head wrap

Adult, head · US terms



Finished size
About 6 × 18 in (15 × 46 cm)
To fit a head of 22 in (55.9 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, chain spaces, increases, decreases, picots

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: aqua cotton, main and ties	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream cotton, edging and flower center	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral cotton, flower	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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 (49.5 cm)	5½ × 16 in (14 × 41 cm)	about 105 yd (96 m)
Teen	21 in (53.5 cm)	6 × 16¾ in (15 × 43 cm)	about 120 yd (110 m)
Adult (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**6 × 18 in (15 × 46 cm)**	**about 125 yd (114 m)**

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain stitch
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)

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dc3tog	double crochet 3 stitches together (UK tr3tog, treble 3 stitches together)
rnd	round
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 10 the piece, laid flat, is about 4.2 in (10.7 cm) tall. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is taller, use a smaller one.

Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another length work 6 mesh rows more or 6 fewer, each row about 0.4 in (1 cm). Every row after the mesh then has a number that is higher or lower by 6, also where the edging and the ties name it, and the right and wrong side rows stay as they are. Round 1 of the edging has 24 sc more or fewer, because there are 2 in the end of every row, and round 2 has 8 picots more or fewer, so the picots still come out. The width is not to be changed: the rows that widen and narrow are counted for it.

Before you start

- In the band the ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row: "same st" right after it is that stitch, and where the row goes on with "next st" or "next 3 sts" right after the ch 3, that begins with the second stitch. The ch 2 at the start of a row that narrows does not count.
- dc3tog: (yo, insert hook in the next st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops) 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 loops on the hook. At the start of a row the first of its stitches is the first st of the row, and at the end the third is the last st; in the first row that narrows that is the top of the turning ch.
- A picot stands on the sc before it. Flower: the ch 3 between two sc of round 1 is the space a petal goes into. Leave a tail of about 12 in (30.5 cm) of yarn C when you fasten off the flower: it is sewn on with it.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Stitches that lie before the space are passed over and left unworked.
- In row 2 the turning ch is the skipped chs at the start of row 1: its top is the one that was next to the hook.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- The band is worked in rows: row 1 is a right side row, and the word "turn" near the start of each row is the one turn between two rows. The edging and the flower are worked in rounds with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Round 2 of the flower is in another yarn: at the end of round 1 cut yarn B, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), draw the tail through the last loop, and join yarn C with a slip stitch in the place named.

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- 43 rows: 6 rows of dc that widen from 7 to 27 stitches, 31 rows of mesh (rows 7 to 37), 1 row of dc that closes the mesh (row 38), and 5 rows of dc that narrow to 7 stitches again. The mesh has 10 spaces, with 4 dc at each side of it.
- The band, without the edging, is about 18.1 in (46 cm) long and 6 in (15.2 cm) wide. Laid over a head that is 22 in (55.9 cm) round, its two ends leave a gap of about 3.9 in (9.9 cm) at the nape of the neck, which the ties close.
- The edging goes all round the band. With the right side facing you and row 43 at the top, begin at the right-hand end of that row (the left-hand end if you are left handed). The 186 sts are: the 7 sts of row 43; 2 in the end of each of the 43 rows of the next side, from row 43 down to row 1; the 7 chains of the foundation edge; and 2 in the end of each of the 43 rows of the last side, from row 1 up to row 43. Of the 7 chains, 6 have a dc of row 1 standing in them, and the last one to be worked is the chain beside them that has no dc: the 3rd ch from the hook, the lowest of the skipped chs. The 2 sts in the end of row 1 on that side go round the skipped chs above it. A stitch in the end of a row goes round the stitch that stands at that edge: round the edge dc, or round the ch 3 (in row 1 the skipped chs) that counts as a dc. In a row that narrows it goes round the dc3tog; at the end where the row began, round the ch 2 and the dc3tog beside it, both together. Of the two stitches in the end of one row, set one near the foot of that edge stitch and the other near its top.

Instructions

Chosen: Adult, head. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, dc3tog is treble 3 stitches together and yo is yarn over hook.

Band

Yarn A, aqua cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 5 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(11 dc)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 9 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(15 dc)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 13 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(19 dc)**
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 17 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(23 dc)**
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 21 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	**(27 dc)**
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(17 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 37**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(17 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 8 to 37: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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

☐ **Row 38 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 3 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 2 sts, dc in top of turning ch	**(27 dc)**
☐ **Row 39 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc3tog, dc in next 21 sts, dc3tog	**(23 dc)**

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☐ **Row 40 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc3tog, dc in next 17 sts, dc3tog	**(19 dc)**
☐ **Row 41 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc3tog, dc in next 13 sts, dc3tog	**(15 dc)**
☐ **Row 42 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc3tog, dc in next 9 sts, dc3tog	**(11 dc)**
☐ **Row 43 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc3tog, dc in next 5 sts, dc3tog	**(7 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging

Yarn B, cream cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of the band: 186 sts round, with the right side facing you, all round the band, as the paragraph that begins "The edging goes all round the band" tells.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 185 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, picot, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 61 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc, 62 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Flower

Yarns in order of use: B, cream cotton; C, coral cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, **[**sc in ring, ch 3**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 5 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join C with sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 hdc, 15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Ties: work two in yarn A, after the edging. For the first, with the wrong side of the band facing, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the 4th, middle stitch of row 43, just inside the edging; for the second, in the 4th, middle chain of the foundation edge (count the same 7 chains as for the edging). Chain until the chain is about 11 in (27.9 cm) long, work a slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in every chain back to the band, work one slip stitch more in the place you joined in, and fasten off. Each tie has two ends to weave in. Knot the far end of each tie.
- Flower: lay the band flat and sew the flower to it, right side up, with small stitches round its middle through the mesh, with the 12 in (30.5 cm) tail of yarn C, about 2.5 in (6.4 cm) to one side of the middle row and about 2 in (5.1 cm) from the edge that will be in front.
- Weave in the ends.
- To wear it, lay the band over the hair with the flower at the side of the head, bring the two ends behind the ears to the nape of the neck, and tie them under the hair.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,143 stitches (731 in the band, 372 in the edging, 40 in the flower).

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