Cowboy hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to where the brim begins, with a brim about 3¼ in (8 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 40½ in (103 cm) round

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

A spiral with increases, a crease and a brim shaped when it is done

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: tan, the hat **about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: chocolate, the braid and the edge **about 30 yd (27 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, 46 in (117 cm) of millinery wire or of plastic-coated craft wire, wire cutters and pins.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 210 yd (192 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 255 yd (233 m)

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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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 26, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

Notes

- 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. This hat is not meant to grip: the measure round of each size is within about ¼ in (1 cm) of that of the head it is for, larger or smaller. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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 rounds of the hat 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 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).
- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to 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.
- Cotton and an even, firm hand make a hat that keeps its shape. If your cloth is loose at the gauge, spray starch on the finished hat, pressed into shape over a bowl and left to dry, makes it firm.
- The first round of the brim goes into the front loops of the round headed Band, which is the last round before the brim, so that the brim begins with a sharp bend; the back loops stay on the inside.

Instructions

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm). US terms.

sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
FLO: only the loop nearest you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, tan; B, chocolate.

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☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¼ in (13 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 10 to 13** 10 11 12 13	Sc in each st around	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Sc in each st around	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 22 to 25** 22 23 24 25	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)

Band

☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	(72 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 26.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

Brim

☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**Sc in FLO of next 11 sts, 2 sc in FLO of next st**] 6 times**	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(102 sc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	(108 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 33**	**[**Sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(114 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**	(120 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	**[**Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(126 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**	(132 sc)

Round 37 is worked over a wire, which holds the shape of the brim. Cut 45 in (114 cm) of wire and bend the last ½ in (1.5 cm) of one end back on itself to a small loop. Work the first 3 stitches of the round without the wire; then hold the wire along the tops of round 36, the loop first, and work every single crochet into its stitch and over the wire, until 5 stitches of the round are left. Now, before the wire is cut, spread the stitches evenly along it: with the loop still under the fourth stitch of the round, the 124 stitches worked over the wire should cover about 38¼ in (97 cm) of it, so that the edge is neither tight nor wavy. Then cut the wire 1 in (2.5 cm) beyond the last stitch worked, and bend the last ½ in (1.5 cm) of this end back on itself to a small loop too. Work the next 2 stitches over this loop and the last 3 stitches without the wire.

☐ **Rnd 37**	With B, sc in each st around	(132 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins, on the last round before the brim, the middle of the front, the middle of the back, and the middle of each side, which lies halfway between them.

3. The crease runs along the top of the hat from front to back. Count the rounds from the center of the top, and mark round 14 straight above the middle of the front and round 12 straight above the middle of the back. Turn the hat so that you see its inside, and pinch the top into a fold that runs from one mark over the center of the top to the other and stands up on the inside, about ¾ in (2 cm) high at the center and lower and lower toward the two marks. Cut a strand of yarn A 30 in (76 cm) long, and from mark to mark run stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long through both layers of the fold, at its foot; fasten the strand at both ends. Turn the hat right side out and press the crease down with the side of your hand; the top stands up on both sides of it.

4. Braid: cut 9 strands of yarn B, each 50 in (127 cm) long, and knot them together about 4 in (10 cm) from one end. Braid them in three groups of three strands until the braid is about 27¼ in (69 cm) long from the first knot, knot the end and trim the strands beyond both knots to about 2 in (5 cm). Lay the braid round the outside of the hat just above the brim, over rounds 25 and 26, beginning and ending at the middle of the back. Tie the two ends in a single knot there, with the tassels hanging on the brim. Cut 4 strands of yarn B, each 10 in (25 cm) long, and sew the braid down with one strand at each of four places: the middle of the front, the middle of each side and, through the knot, the middle of the back. At each place bring the needle from the inside of the hat out through round 26, leaving an end of 4 in (10 cm) on the inside, up through the middle of the braid, and back to the inside through round 25. Make the same stitch a second time, and tie the two ends of the strand on the inside in a double knot.

5. The brim: stand the hat on a table and bend the wire in the edge up at the two sides, in a smooth curve, until at the middle of each side the edge stands about 2¼ in (6 cm) above the table: there the brim slopes up from round 26 and grows steeper and steeper toward its edge, which stands nearly upright. The front and the back of the brim stay down, bent a very little below the level.

Finishing

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

In all: 37 rounds; 2,544 stitches.

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