Convertible cowl hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 11¾ in (30 cm) tall, measured before the ribs draw it in; on the neck and on the head it stretches. Drawn up as a beanie it is about 11¼ in (29 cm) from the lower edge, not folded up, to the cord

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Post stitch ribbing in joined rounds, no shaping

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: heathered deep charcoal, the body **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: warm mustard, the two edges, the cord and the pom-pom **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 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 yarn needle, scissors, a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide for the pom-pom and a stitch marker.

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)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 11¼ in (29 cm) tall	about 235 yd (215 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 11¾ in (30 cm) tall**	**about 260 yd (238 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 12¼ in (31 cm) tall	about 290 yd (265 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the cowl itself, at the first round: put a soft tape round its outside along that round, without pulling it in. If it measures more than the round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 7 rounds of double crochet or 7 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the cowl is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1, put a soft tape round the outside of the cowl along that round, without pulling it in: the cowl should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

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. The ribbing draws the tube in and stretches again, so it is measured on its first round, before the ribs.
- The cowl 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.
- The right side of the cowl 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.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip 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).
- 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.
- A "ch-1 sp" is the gap under a chain of the round before: put the hook under that chain, into the gap.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **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.

[ ] 34 times: work what is inside 34 times in all.

(68 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

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.

Yarns in order of use: B, warm mustard; A, heathered deep charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 68, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Lower edge

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	(68 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the cowl along that round, without pulling it in: the cowl should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)

2 3 4

Body

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 18**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Upper edge

☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(68 dc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(34 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 34 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(68 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Drawcord, in yarn B: leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at the beginning, ch 115, slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain to the end (114 sl sts). Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The cord should be about 35 in (89 cm) long. Weave the two tails in along the cord.

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2. Threading: round 20 is the round of spaces, 34 of them. The line where the rounds are joined is the middle of the back. Mark the space of round 20 that lies nearest to that line on its left, as you look at the right side. Take one end of the cord from the inside out to the right side through the marked space, back to the inside through the next space to the left, and so on, out and in by turns, round the whole cowl; with 34 spaces it goes to the inside through the last of them, just to the right of the marked one. Both ends of the cord are now on the inside, at the middle of the back. Draw the cord through until they are equally long.

3. Pom-pom, to tie on when the cowl is a beanie: wrap yarn B 130 times round a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 20 in (51 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they tie the pom-pom on, so 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 2¼ in (6 cm) across.

4. To wear it as a cowl, leave the cord slack and tie its ends in a loose bow on the inside. To wear it as a beanie, pull both ends of the cord until the upper edge is drawn together, tie them in a bow on the inside and tuck the bow in. Set the pom-pom on the drawn-up top, take the two ends of its tie through the small opening in the middle to the inside, take one of them once round the cord, and tie the two in a bow. Fold the lower edge up once to the right side, along the line where the two yarns meet, for a brim.

Finishing

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

In all: 21 rounds.

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