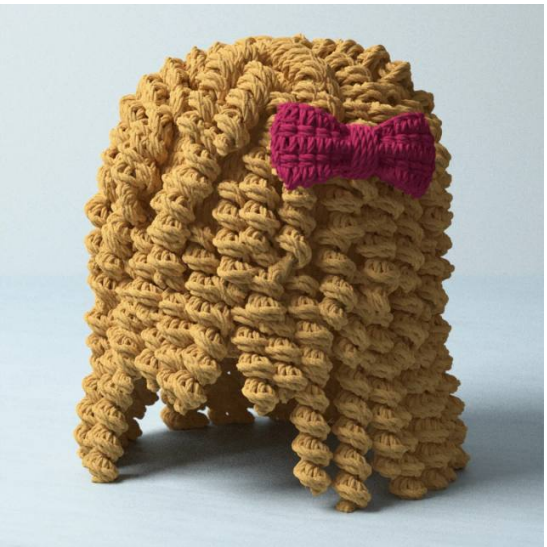
Curly hair hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
A spiral with curls worked into it, a bow sewn on

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.

You will need

Yarn A: golden blond, the cap and the curls **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, the bow **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
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 and scissors.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13½ in (34 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 235 yd (215 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 335 yd (306 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 360 yd (329 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 410 yd (375 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 460 yd (421 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 510 yd (466 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

cu (short curl): Single crochet in the place named. Chain 10, then work back along the chain: 2 single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each of the 8 chains after it (18 single crochet), which makes the strip twist, and slip stitch in the front loop of the single crochet that the chain grew from. Twist the strip with your fingers into a corkscrew and let it hang on the right side. It counts as 1 stitch: in the next round the stitch over it goes under both top loops of that first single crochet, behind the curl, and the curl is left free.

lcu (long curl): Single crochet in the place named. Chain 19, then work back along the chain: 2 single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each of the 17 chains after it (36 single crochet), which makes the strip twist, and slip stitch in the front loop of the single crochet that the chain grew from. Twist the strip with your fingers into a corkscrew and let it hang on the right side. It counts as 1 stitch: in the next round the stitch over it goes under both top loops of that first single crochet, behind the curl, and the curl is left free.

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 laid under the curls, 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 13, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- 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 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.

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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.
- The bow is worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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 sc is double crochet.

Hat

Yarn A, golden blond.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, cu in same st**] 6 times**	**(6 sc, 6 cu)**
☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next st, cu in same st, sc in next 2 sts, cu in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc, 12 cu)**
☐ **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**	**[**Cu in next st, sc in next 2 sts, cu in next st, sc in next st, cu in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 cu, 30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat and the curls pushed aside, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next st, **[**cu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 14 times**, cu in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(45 sc, 15 cu)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

12 **13**

Stop and measure now, after round 13. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 3 sts, **[**cu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 14 times**, cu in next st	**(45 sc, 15 cu)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next st, **[**cu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 14 times**, cu in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(45 sc, 15 cu)**

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☐	**Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐	**Rnd 20**	Sc in next 3 sts, **[**cu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 14 times**, cu in next st	**(45 sc, 15 cu)**
☐	**Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 22**	**[**Lcu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, **[**cu in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**lcu in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(12 lcu, 42 sc, 6 cu)**
☐	**Rnds 23 to 24**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 24: tick them off as you go.

23 24

☐	**Rnd 25**	**[**Sc in next st, lcu in next st**] 11 times**, sc in next 16 sts, **[**sc in next st, lcu in next st**] 11 times**	**(38 sc, 22 lcu)**
☐	**Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐	**End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Bow

Yarn B, raspberry.

☐	**Foundation**	Ch 12, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐	**Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(11 sc)**
☐	**Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 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. Twist every curl once more round your finger, all in the same direction, and let it fall toward the edge of the hat. The last round begins at the middle of the back. Opposite it, where round 25 has no curls, is the front: there the short curls of round 22 make the bangs. The long curls hang at the sides and the back.

3. Bow: weave the beginning tail of the strip in on its back. With the needle run the long tail along the edge of the strip, through the edge stitches, to the middle of one long side. With the right side toward you pleat the middle of the strip so that its end view is a W, and wrap the tail tightly round the pleats about 10 times to make the knot; fasten it at the back, and leave the rest of the tail for sewing. 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. Part the curls at the place on round 13 that lies 8 stitches to the right of the middle of the front, as you look at the front. Sew the bow there through its knot to the hat, on top of the curls, its two ends to the left and to the right, with three or four stitches that go down between the curls and through the hat. Weave the rest of the tail in on the inside of the hat.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces.

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