Dog beanie with ear holes

Medium dog, head 12½ in (32 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ in (31 cm) round and about 4 in (10 cm) deep, with two ear openings about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide
To fit a head of 12½ in (32 cm)

Skill
Easy
A spiral of single crochet with two openings

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: cobalt, the hat — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the band, the ties and the pom-pom — **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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
Small dog	10 in (25 cm)	9¼ in (23 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) deep	about 40 yd (37 m)
Medium dog (this file)	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep**	**about 65 yd (59 m)**
Large dog	15½ in (39 cm)	14¾ in (37 cm) round, 4¾ in (12 cm) deep	about 80 yd (73 m)
Extra large dog	18½ in (47 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 95 yd (87 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 12¼ in (31 cm) round.

Before you start

- Measure the dog round the head where the hat will sit: lay a soft tape across the brow above the eyes, below the base of each ear and round the back of the head, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made from about ¼ to about ¾ in (0.5 to 2 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole stitches allow. The ears come out through the two openings and the ties are fastened loosely under the chin.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; 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.
- 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).
- 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.

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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.
- Medium dog: for a head of 12½ in (32 cm). The finished hat is about 12¼ in (31 cm) round and about 4 in (10 cm) deep, with two ear openings about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium dog, head 12½ in (32 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.

Yarns in order of use: A, cobalt; B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** After round 6 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(40 sc)**

Sides

The next round leaves two openings for the ears. The 8 stitches between them are the front, over the brow; the 8 stitches before the first and the 8 after the second are the back. The chains are 2 longer than the stitches they skip, so that the openings stand open.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 8 sts, ch 10, sk next 8 sts, sc in next 8 sts, ch 10, sk next 8 sts, sc in next 8 sts	**(24 sc, 2 ch-10 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 8 sts, 8 sc in next ch-10 sp, sc in next 8 sts, 8 sc in next ch-10 sp, sc in next 8 sts	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(40 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 12¼ in (31 cm) round.

Band

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(40 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(40 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **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. Ties (make 2, one below each ear opening): for each tie cut 3 strands of yarn B 24 in (61 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the edge of the hat straight below the middle of the opening, so that 6 ends hang level; part them in 3 pairs, braid for about 8 in (20 cm), knot and trim the ends.

3. Pom-pom: wrap yarn B 110 times round a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew 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 1¾ in (4 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the top of the crown with the two ends of the tie, through the hat and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 14 rounds; 430 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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