Reindeer hat for dogs

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



Finished size

About 12¼ in (31 cm) round and about 4 in (10 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to the edge; the two ear openings are about 2½ in (6 cm) wide and lie about 1¾ in (4 cm) above the edge

To fit a head of 12½ in (32 cm)

Skill

Easy

A spiral of single crochet with two openings, small stuffed pieces sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 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: camel, the hat	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the band, the berries and the ties	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, the antlers	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: forest green, the holly leaves	**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, scissors, a little toy stuffing for the antlers 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
Small dog	10 in (25 cm)	9¼ in (23 cm) round, 3½ in (9 cm) deep	about 65 yd (59 m)
Medium dog (this file)	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**
Large dog	15½ in (39 cm)	14¾ in (37 cm) round, 4¾ in (12 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Extra large dog	18½ in (47 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

phdc (pointed half double crochet): Half double crochet (UK half treble) in the place named, chain 3, slip stitch in the 3rd chain from the hook: the 3 chains close to a little point that stands on top of the stitch. Push the point outward and go on with the next stitch the line names; nothing is worked into the point. The half double crochet and its point together are counted as 1 stitch. It leaves 1 pointed half double crochet for the next row or round.

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 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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

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 in (0.5 cm) to about ¾ in (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 hat is worn for a short time only, while somebody is there.
- 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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- 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).
- The antlers, the branches and the holly beads are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- 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.
- 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.

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 and hdc is half treble.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, camel; B, red.

☐ **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.** 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. Each chain is 2 longer than the 8 stitches it skips, 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.** 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.

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Band

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

Antler: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 12: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.

Branch: make 4

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

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

2 3 4 5

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.

Holly leaf: make 2

Yarn D, forest green.

☐ **Foundation** Ch 7, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, phdc in next ch, hdc in next ch, phdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sc in last ch, phdc in same st, sc in same st **(4 sc, 3 phdcs, 1 hdc)**

The last 3 stitches of row 1, a single crochet, a pointed half double crochet and a single crochet, are all worked into one and the same chain, the last one: they turn the leaf round its tip.

☐ **Row 2** Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, phdc in next ch, hdc in next ch, phdc in next ch, sc in next ch **(2 sc, 2 phdcs, 1 hdc)**

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. This is the inner end of the leaf; the end with 3 stitches in one chain is its tip.

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Holly bead: make 3

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

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. Antlers: pull the ring at the tip of each antler and each branch closed once more and push its tail inside. Stuff the antlers and the branches firmly, a little at a time, up to the open edge. Sew two branches to each antler, each branch with the long tail of that branch, all round its open edge, so that it slants up toward the tip of the antler: one on one side, its middle on round 7 of the antler, and one on the opposite side, its middle on round 5 (the rounds of an antler are counted from its tip). The branch on round 7 is the outer one. Keep the long tail of the antler itself: it sews the antler to the hat.

3. The antlers stand on the crown, one straight above the middle of each ear opening. Counting the rounds of the hat from the center of the top, put the middle of the open edge of the antler on round 4, its outer branch toward the ear opening, let the antler lean a little outward, and with the long tail of the antler sew it down all round to the stitches of the hat.

4. Holly: the middle of the front is halfway between the two ear openings. Find it from the openings, not from the place where the rounds begin, which leans to one side as the spiral grows. Fold the hat in half, right side out, so that one ear opening lies exactly on the other: the 8 stitches of round 8 between the openings (the front; the back has 16) are folded between their 4th and their 5th stitch. Follow that fold straight down the cloth and put a pin in it on round 11 of the hat: the pin is the middle of the front. Open the hat out again. Weave the beginning tail of each leaf in on its back. Lay the two leaves, right side up, end to end along round 11 of the hat, the last round above the band, so that the foundation chain of each leaf lies on that round, their inner ends touch at the pin, at the middle of the front, and their tips point to the two sides; pin them and take the first pin out. With its long tail sew each leaf down along its middle, through the foundation chain, from the inner end to the tip; its two long edges with their points stay free.

5. Holly beads (the berries): push the starting tail of a bead inside it. With its long tail gather the 6 stitches of round 2, pull them up tight so that the bead is a little ball, and fasten. Sew the three beads over the place where the leaves meet, close together, two side by side and the third in the middle just below them.

6. 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 one stitch of the last round 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.

Finishing

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

In all: 12 pieces.

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