Dragon hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet in a spiral, many small stuffed pieces

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: leaf green, the hat, the snout and the eyelids	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: golden yellow, the eyes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tangerine, the spikes and the ears	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the horns and the fangs	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the pupils and the knots in the nostrils	**about 10 yd (9 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). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the snout, the horns and the spikes.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 215 yd (197 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 245 yd (224 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 265 yd (242 m)
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 280 yd (256 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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 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 10.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each.

Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Hat

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	

Crown

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)

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☐	**Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐	**Round 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)
☐	**Round 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, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐	**Rounds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 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.

☐	**Rounds 14 to 25**	Sc in each st around	(60 sc)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Band

☐	**Rounds 26 to 28**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(60 sc)

26 27 28

☐		Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Snout

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐	**Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐	**Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐	**Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐	**Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐	**Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐	**Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐	**Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐		Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Nostril: make 2

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐	**Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐	**Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐	**Round 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)

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☐ **Round 3**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, golden yellow.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Pupil: make 2

Yarn E, black.

☐ **Start**	Ch 4, 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	(3 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Eyelid: make 2

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(12 sc)
☐	Pull the ring closed. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn C, tangerine.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 7**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)

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☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Spike: make 4

Yarn C, tangerine.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Fang: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Start**	Ch 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) for sewing.	

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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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull a ring tight once more and weave in the tail that is not needed for sewing, on the wrong side, or inside a piece that is closed or stuffed. The beginning tail of a fang is run from its point along one side to its last row. Sew each piece on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. 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 the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front.

4. Smile: embroider it on the snout before it goes on the hat. Shape the open edge of the snout to an oval about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and 2 in (5 cm) tall. With a strand of yarn E 45 in (114 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a curve like a smile on the lower half, about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide from end to end: its lowest point lies ½ in (1.5 cm) below the center of the snout, at the middle, and its two ends lie ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the level of the center. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long.

5. Snout: pin it to the front in the shape of that oval, the smile below, its center on round 22 of the hat at the middle of the front, so that its lower edge lies about ¾ in (2 cm) above the lower edge of the hat. Fangs: lay them under the lower edge of the snout, right sides up and points down, one on each side of the middle, the middle of each fang 3 stitches of the hat from the middle of the front, the last row of each, its widest, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the edge of the snout, so that it is hidden. Sew the last row of each fang to the hat; the point hangs free. Then sew the snout to the hat all round by the stitches of its last round, over the fangs. Before the last third is closed fill it with stuffing, so that it stands out about 1 in (2.5 cm).

6. Nostrils: sew the open edge of each, shaped to a circle about 7/8 in (2 cm) across, to the snout, its center about ¾ in (2 cm) to one side of the middle of the snout and about ½ in (1.5 cm) above its center, one on each side. Put a wisp of stuffing in each first. With a strand of yarn E 16 in (41 cm) long for each work one French knot, with the yarn held double, in the middle of each nostril. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

7. Eyes: sew one on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 15 of the hat, 4 stitches from the middle. Pupils: sew a pupil upright on the middle of each eye. With a strand of yarn D 12 in (30 cm) long for each make one French knot at the upper right of each pupil, as you look at it. Eyelids: the straight side of a lid is its lower edge. Lay a lid over the upper part of each eye, its rounded edge above the eye, its straight side slanting down toward the middle of the front: the inner end of the straight side lies about ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the level of the center of the eye and its outer end about ¾ in (2 cm) above it. Sew it down all round.

8. Horns: stuff them, leaving the last round soft. Cut a strand of yarn D 20 in (51 cm) long for each, fasten it inside the open edge and run a line of small stitches along one side from the open edge to the point, over one round and under the next; draw it in until the horn curves to that side, fasten it and run its ends inside. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. The line that runs from fold to fold over the center of the top is the line meant here. Open the last round of each horn to a ring and sew it to the hat all round, its center on that line and on round 9 of the hat, one horn on each side, the drawn-in side toward the middle, so that the two horns rise and curve toward each other.

9. Ears: flatten each ear and close its open end with whip stitch. Fold the closed end in half, so that the ear is hollow like a spoon, and hold the fold with two stitches. Sew the folded end of an ear to the fold of the hat at each side, its middle on round 15 of the hat, the hollow to the front and the point slanting up and outward.

10. Spikes: run their starting tails down inside and stuff them lightly. Flatten the open end of each to a long narrow oval about 2 in (5 cm) long. The four spikes stand in one straight line from front to back over the center of the top, one behind the other, the long way of each oval along that line and the ovals touching. The front end of the first lies at the

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middle of the front, about 3 in (8 cm) from the center of the top; the row is about 8 in (20 cm) long and runs on down the back, toward the middle of the back, which is opposite the middle of the front. Sew each down all round.

Finishing

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

In all: 20 pieces; 2,180 stitches.

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.

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. 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 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.
- The snout, the nostrils, the eyes, the ears, the horns and the spikes 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- The eyelids and the fangs are 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.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

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