Striped elf hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 11½ in (29 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
A spiral with increases and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: green, the green stripes	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the red stripes and the brim	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the pom-pom	**about 20 yd (18 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. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16½ in (42 cm) round, 10½ in (27 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 11½ in (29 cm) deep**	**about 175 yd (159 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 12¼ in (31 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 13¼ in (34 cm) deep	about 220 yd (201 m)

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 13¾ in (35 cm) deep	about 235 yd (215 m)

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
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: along the point, from its tip to the edge of a round, 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 point is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the point is shorter, it will come out shallower.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 23.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 26, 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.

Before you start

- 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 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.
- Child: for a head of 19½ in (50 cm). The finished hat is about 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 11½ in (29 cm) deep.

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.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Point		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**Sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 23.** After round 23 the point, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 26.** After round 26, 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 27**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 30**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 30: tick them off as you go.

☐ 29 ☐ 30

☐ **Rnd 31**	With A, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 32 to 33**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33

☐ **Rnd 34**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnd 36**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 37 to 40**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 37 to 40: tick them off as you go.

☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40

☐ **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. Pom-pom: wrap yarn C 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 tip of the point 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: 40 rounds; 1,791 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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