Fair Isle style ear warmer

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20½ in (52 cm) round and about 3¼ in (8 cm) wide
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet in joined rounds, two colors carried in the round

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dark navy, the band	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the snowflakes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, both edges	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, 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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	17½ in (44 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide	about 80 yd (73 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide	about 85 yd (78 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide**	**about 90 yd (82 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide	about 90 yd (82 m)
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	22½ in (57 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide	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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the headband itself, at the round named: put a soft tape round its outside along the round just worked, without pulling it in. If it measures more than the round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2, put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 20½ in (52 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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs a little from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The headband begins with a ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail.
- The right side of the headband faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip 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).
- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.

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- A yarn that first comes in in the middle of a round is laid along the top of the round before at the start of that round, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and worked over until its first stitch.
- In rounds of single crochet every stitch stands a little to one side of the stitch below it, so the snowflakes lean a little, all of them alike. That is how the stitch lies, not a fault.

Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 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 sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: C, red; A, dark navy; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 77, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 2.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 20½ in (52 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(77 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 13 rounds; 1,001 stitches.

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