Fish hat for kids

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 13½ in (34 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: teal, the scales and the face	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, the mouth, the fins, the tail and the gill	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the eyes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the pupils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: aqua, the rounds between the scales	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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, pins and a little toy stuffing for the tail.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16½ in (42 cm) round, 11½ in (29 cm) deep	about 240 yd (219 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 13½ in (34 cm) deep**	**about 290 yd (265 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 14¼ in (36 cm) deep	about 320 yd (293 m)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 18, 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 pattern also stops you to measure after round 16.

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 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.
- 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. Where a round skips a stitch before it works any, the first stitch skipped is the one that was joined.
- 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).
- The eyes, the pupils, the side fins, the back fin and the tail lobes 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.
- In a round of scales, 3 half double crochet go into every third stitch. The first stitch skipped in such a round is the one into which the round before was joined, so the first group of 3 goes into the stitch after it. In the round after it, work into the top of every half double crochet as usual.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 hdc in next st: all in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; E, aqua; B, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Point

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With E, ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 16 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With E, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 16.** The point, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

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Body

☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, ch 2, **[**sk next st, 3 hdc in next st, sk next st**] 20 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With E, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 18.** 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.

☐ **Rnds 19 to 22**	Repeat rnds 17 and 18 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 18, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 17. (60 hdc)	

19 20 21 22

Face

☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 25 to 31**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Mouth

☐ **Rnd 32**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 35**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

33 34 35

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Pupil: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

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Side fin: make 2

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Back fin

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Tail lobe: make 2

Yarn B, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side, which is the inside of a piece that is stuffed or flattened. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Fold the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined along one fold: that fold is the belly of the fish, and the other fold is its back. The two layers are the two sides of the fish. Put a pin in the fold of the back at the mouth and one at the line of joins. A place on a side is given by a round, counted from the tip, and by stitches from the fold of the back, counted along that round.

4. Eyes: sew one eye to each side of the fish, its center on round 26 of the hat, 12 stitches from the fold of the back. Sew a pupil on each eye, the center of the pupil about ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the center of the eye, toward the mouth. With a strand of yarn C 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each pupil, on the half that is nearest to the back, about halfway between the center and the edge of the pupil. 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.

5. Side fins: flatten each fin so that its increases lie at the two folds, and close it across the open end with whip stitch, 8 stitches of one layer to 8 of the other. (A fin is double and both its faces are its right side.) A fin lies on each side of the fish: its closed end across round 22 of the hat, along that round, its middle 20 stitches from the fold of the back, its point toward the tail. Sew the closed end to the hat along its outer face and then along its inner face. The rest of the fin is free.

6. Back fin: flatten and close it in the same way, 11 stitches to 11. It stands up from the fold of the back: its closed end lies along that fold, its middle on round 21 of the hat, so that the closed end, about 3½ in (9 cm) long, lies half toward the mouth and half toward the tail from there. One flat face looks to each side. Sew it to the hat along one face and then along the other. Bend its point a little toward the tail.

7. Tail: stuff the two lobes lightly, leaving their last 2 rounds empty; flatten each and close it across the open end with whip stitch, 4 stitches to 4. The two lobes sit at the tip of the hat with their flat faces to the two sides of the fish. The closed end of one lies along the fold of the back, from the center of round 1 down to the end of round 3, which is about 1¼ in (3 cm); the closed end of the other lies along the fold of the belly in the same way, so that the two meet at the center of round 1. Sew each down along both faces. They point away from the hat and spread like the two halves of a fork, their tips about 4 in (10 cm) apart; with what is left of one tail catch the two lobes together with three stitches, close to the hat.

Finishing

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

In all: 10 pieces; 2,380 stitches (1,698 in the hat, 60 in each eye, 18 in each pupil, 86 in each side fin, 130 in the back fin, 112 in each tail lobe).

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