Flat cap

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth before the crown is drawn forward; the crown is about 9¼ in (23 cm) across

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Increases and decreases in joined rounds, a peak of two layers in rows, one line of sewing

Yarn

Medium (4)

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: moss green tweed, medium (4) **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 85 g, 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 yarn needle, scissors, pins, 2 stitch markers (for the peak) and a piece of plastic canvas at least 9¼ by 2 in (23 by 5 cm), the size of the whole peak, for a stiffer peak, if you like.

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)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 170 yd (155 m)**

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Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 170 yd (155 m)

Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the cap 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 cap 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 25, put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 22¼ in (57 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 cap 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 cap faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to 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.
- The outer peak and the inner peak 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.

Instructions

Man, head 23 in (58 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
FLO: only the loop nearest you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): 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.

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Cap

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 16.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 9¼ in (23 cm) across, from edge to edge through its center.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 17 to 20**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

17 18 19 20

Underside

☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

Band

☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

23 24 **25**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 25.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

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

Outer peak

☐ **Foundation**	Number the 72 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the front lies between stitch 36 and stitch 37. Mark stitch 24 and stitch 49: the 26 stitches at the middle of the front, from stitch 24 to stitch 49, carry the peak. With the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the bottom, join the yarn with a slip stitch in the front loop only of stitch 24, so that its back loop stays free; the stitches lie in the order of their numbers, and the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same front loop.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in FLO of first st, sc in FLO of next 25 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 26 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 16 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Inner peak

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the cap so that its inside faces you, the crown at the bottom. Row 1 of this peak goes into the 26 stitches at the middle of the front again, from stitch 49 back to stitch 24, each time into the loop that row 1 of the outer peak left free; seen from the inside it is the front loop, the one nearer to you. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in that loop of stitch 49, and work the first single crochet of row 1 into that same loop.	
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Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the cap closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Edging of the peak: the wrong sides of the two layers lie together, row on row. Lay the tails at the last row of each peak between the two layers, where the edging closes them in. For a stiffer peak cut the plastic canvas to the shape of the peak, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) smaller all round, and slip it between the layers too. With the outer peak facing you and the crown at the bottom, join the yarn with a slip stitch at the right-hand end of row 1, through both layers, and ch 1. Work through both layers: up the side 1 single crochet in the end of each row (7), 1 in each stitch of the last row (20), down the other side 1 in the end of each row (7): 34 single crochet. Slip stitch in stitch 50 of the last round of the band, the next free stitch beside the end of row 1, and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Run the ends of the edging in between the two layers of the peak.

3. Tacking the crown to the peak: this is done from outside, on the right side of the cap, under the overhanging edge of the crown, so that nothing shows on top. The crown turns over along the top of round 16; the stitches that are sewn are those of round 17, the first round after the crown, which lies just under that edge. Number the 96 stitches of round 17 from the line where the rounds are joined, the joined stitch being stitch 1: the 22 stitches from stitch 38 to stitch 59 are the middle of the front; mark both with a pin. Count the rows of the outer peak from the band: row 5 has 26 stitches; leave 2 of them free at each end, and the 22 between them carry the crown. Draw the front of the crown forward and down over the outer peak until round 17 lies right side down on the outer peak, its 22 marked stitches on those 22 stitches of row 5, stitch 38 at the end that lies over stitch 24 of the band and stitch 59 at the other end, and pin them there. Cut a strand of yarn 30 in (76 cm) long and fasten it under the crown beside stitch 38, at the end of row 5 where that stitch is pinned. Hold the cap with the peak toward you and bend the edge of the crown up a little as you go. For each of the 22 pairs of stitches, one after the other from stitch 38 to stitch 59: take the needle round the post (the upright part) of the stitch of row 5, in on one side of the post and out on its other side, through the outer peak only, so that the needle passes between its two layers; then take it round the post of the stitch of round 17 that lies on it in the same way, in on one side of the post and out on its other side; draw the yarn close. The needle goes in and comes out on the right side each time. Fasten off under the crown. The edge of the peak beyond row 5 stays free all along.

Finishing

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

In all: 1,940 stitches (1,572 in the cap, 184 in the outer peak, 184 in the inner peak).

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