Fried egg beret

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 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; the crown spreads to about 8 in (20 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Increases and decreases in joined rounds, stitches of different heights, pieces sewn on

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: soft white, the beret and the rim	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: golden yellow, the yolk	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: toffee, the edge of the rim	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

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, a little toy stuffing for the yolk and pins.

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, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 165 yd (151 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 200 yd (183 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next round.

Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the beret itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the beret with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the beret 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 beret 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 beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 14.

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 directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The beret 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 beret 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.
- The yolk is begun with a magic ring like the beret 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.

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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.
- The rim is worked in joined rounds like the beret, its right side toward you, and begins with a ring of chains: see that the chain is not twisted. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. In rounds 3 and 4 the tall stitches stand over one another as waves; they are not the same size, so that no two sides of the egg are alike. Round 5 is worked with yarn C: finish the slip stitch that joins round 4 with yarn C, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) of it on the wrong side, and cut yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) there too. The underside of the rim is its wrong side.

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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Beret

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, 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, **[**2 sc in next st, 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 8 in (20 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(84 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

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Underside

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(79 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, **[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(73 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, **[**sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

Band

☐ **Rnds 20 to 25**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 25: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

20 21 22 23 24 **25**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 25.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

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

Rim

Yarns in order of use: A, soft white; C, toffee.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 84, leaving a tail of 90 in (229 cm) before the first chain, 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	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(112 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 15 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 10 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 12 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 16 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc, 24 hdc, 64 dc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(112 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Yolk

Yarn B, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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)**
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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for sewing.

Assembly

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

2. Ends of the rim: the tail of yarn A cut at round 4 and both tails of yarn C lie at the outer edge, which stays free. Weave these three in on the wrong side of the rim, each through the backs of stitches of its own color, before the rim is sewn on. Its long beginning tail is for sewing.

3. Rim: slip the rim over the crown of the beret from above, its right side up and the two joining lines one over the other at the middle of the back, so that its beginning chain lies on round 14 of the beret, the last round of the crown, all round. Pin it, one chain to each of the 84 stitches of round 14. With the beginning tail sew the chains to those stitches over and over, the needle going through the chain and under the top of the stitch, and fasten the tail on the inside of the beret. From this seam the rim slopes outward and down over the side of the beret all round, like a soft brim, and its toffee-colored edge is free; pull it out with your fingers, so that it lies in soft waves.

4. Yolk: pull the ring at its start closed once more and weave its starting tail in on the wrong side of the yolk, before it is sewn on. Lay the beret down with the middle of the front, which is opposite the line where its rounds are joined, toward you. The line from the center of the top to a point of the edge halfway between the middle of the front and the side at your left crosses round 5 of the crown: there lies the center of the yolk, its right side up. So it is off the center of the beret, as it should be. Pin its edge. With its long tail sew it down all round, under the tops of the stitches of its last round; when about 2 in (5 cm) are still open, stuff it lightly, so that it stands up as a soft dome, and sew the rest. Fasten the tail on the inside of the beret.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 2,156 stitches (1,426 in the beret, 532 in the rim, 198 in the yolk).

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