Gnome hat with a beard

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 14¼ in (36 cm) deep, measured from the tip to the folded lower edge, with the rim turned up (about 16 in (41 cm) before it is folded) and without the beard

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A cone in joined rounds, a post stitch rim, loop stitch in rows, small pieces sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 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: toadstool red, the hat **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: snow, the beard **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: rosy peach, the nose **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 170 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, 4 more stitch markers, 4 flat buttons 5/8 in (1.5 cm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle, a little toy stuffing for the nose 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, 12¾ in (32 cm) deep	about 275 yd (251 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 14 in (36 cm) deep	about 330 yd (302 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 14¼ in (36 cm) deep**	**about 340 yd (311 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 14¾ in (37 cm) deep	about 380 yd (347 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 cone, 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 cone is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the cone is shorter, it will come out shallower. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 10 rounds of half double crochet or 7 rounds of double crochet or 7 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 27, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 24.

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.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- The nose is 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.
- 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 beard and the right sideburn and the left sideburn 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.
- The beard is worked in rows from its point up. Its right side is the side with the long loops; it faces you in the odd rows. The two sideburns are worked up from the two ends of its last row, one after the other; the right and the left one are meant as you look at the front of the finished hat, and they are mirror images of each other.
- The beard and the nose are worked in single crochet and loop stitch, 14 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm).
- The rim is folded up to the outside along the middle of its ribbing, so that the last 3 rounds lie on the outside.

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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), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
WS wrong side, the back, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you.

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.

lps (loop stitch): It is worked in a wrong side row. Insert the hook in the place named, wrap the yarn over a finger of the hand that holds the yarn to make a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, catch both strands of the loop with the hook and pull them through, take the finger out of the loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. The loop hangs on the far side, which is the right side.

Hat

Yarn A, toadstool red.

After round 24 the cone, laid flat, should measure about 9½ in (24 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Cone

☐ **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, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(14 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(21 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(27 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(33 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(45 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(51 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(57 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(63 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(68 hdc)

Stop and measure now, after round 24. The cone, laid flat, should measure about 9½ in (24 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 25 to 27**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(68 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

25 26 **27**

Stop and measure now, after round 27. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 28 to 30**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(68 hdc)

28 29 30

Rim

☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(68 dc)
☐ **Rnds 32 to 37**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)

32 33 34 35 36 37

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

Beard

Yarn B, snow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(4 lps)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(6 lps)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(8 lps)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(10 lps)

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☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(12 lps)
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(16 lps)
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 14 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(20 lps)
☐ **Row 15 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 16 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(24 lps)
☐ **Row 17 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 18 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(28 lps)
☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 20 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(28 lps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Right sideburn

Yarn B, snow.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the beard facing you and its point toward you, at the bottom, number the 28 stitches of its last row from right to left, stitch 1 at the right-hand end. Put a marker in stitch 1 and stitch 11, the first and the last of this sideburn, and in stitch 18 and stitch 28, the first and the last of the other one; stitches 12 to 17 between them stay free: they are the mouth edge. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in the first of the 11 stitches marked for this sideburn, stitch 1; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the order of the numbers to stitch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(11 lps)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(9 lps)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(8 lps)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(7 lps)
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(7 lps)
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(6 lps)

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☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Repeat rows 12 and 13 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 12, every odd-numbered row as row 13.	
14 15 16		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Left sideburn

Yarn B, snow.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the beard as for the right sideburn. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in the first of the 11 stitches marked for this sideburn, stitch 18; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the order of the numbers to stitch 28.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(11 lps)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(9 lps)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 7 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(8 lps)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(7 lps)
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(7 lps)
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; lps in each st across	(6 lps)
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Repeat rows 12 and 13 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 12, every odd-numbered row as row 13.	
14 15 16		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Nose

Yarn C, rosy peach.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
4 5		

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**	(12 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. Beard: weave in the ends of the beard and of the two sideburns on the wrong side, the side without loops. The beard should be about 8½ in (22 cm) wide at its last row and about 5¾ in (15 cm) long from its point to that row, the hanging loops not counted; each sideburn is about 4½ in (11 cm) long and at its top about 1¾ in (4 cm) wide.

3. Button loops on the sideburns: hold the beard with its right side toward you and its point at the bottom. On the last row of the left sideburn join yarn B with a slip stitch in the stitch at the right-hand end, ch 7, slip stitch in the same stitch, fasten off: one loop. Make another in the same way in the stitch at the left-hand end, and two more on the last row of the right sideburn. Weave in their ends on the wrong side.

4. Buttons in the hat: The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. It lies between two stitches. Turn the hat inside out and unfold the rim. Round 33 is the second round of post stitches. Count the stitches of round 33 from the middle of the front to one side, the stitch next to the middle being the 1st, and sew a button with sewing thread to the 9th stitch and one to the 14th; count and sew in the same way on the other side of the middle: 4 buttons, on the inside of the hat. Turn the hat right side out and fold the rim up again. Hang the beard inside the hat, its right side to the front, by its four loops, the left sideburn on the left as you look at the front: the inner loop of each sideburn goes over the button nearer to the middle, the outer loop over the other one. The buttons sit about ¾ in (2 cm) above the fold and each loop hangs down about as far, so that the top of a sideburn comes about level with the folded edge of the hat. The sideburns come down in front of the ears and leave an opening for the face, about 5 in (13 cm) wide at the hat and rounded at the bottom, where it ends in the mouth edge, 6 stitches or about 1¾ in (4 cm) wide. The mouth edge lies one sideburn lower, about 4½ in (11 cm) below the folded edge of the hat, under the mouth. To raise the beard sew the buttons one or two rounds nearer to the point of the hat.

5. Nose: pull its ring closed once more and weave that tail in on the inside of the nose. Stuff the nose so that it is round and soft. Its open edge, the last round, is sewn to the rim: fold the rim up, put the middle of the open edge on the middle of the front, about ½ in (1.5 cm) above the fold, and with the long tail sew the 12 stitches down to the outer layer of the rim in a ring about 1 in (2.5 cm) across. Do not sew through to the inner layer, so that the rim can be unfolded. The nose hangs a little over the fold.

6. For a child under three leave the buttons and their loops off and sew the beard to the hat instead, in this way. Leave the hat right side out and unfold the rim. Round 34 is the third round of post stitches; the rim folds along the line between round 34 and round 35. Count the stitches of round 34 from the middle of the front to each side, as for the buttons, and mark the 9th and the 14th on both sides: the 6 stitches from the 9th to the 14th are for the 6 stitches of the last row of a sideburn. Hold the beard inside the hat, its right side to the front and the left sideburn on the left as you look at the front, with the last row of each sideburn level with the line where the rim folds, and pin it. With a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long for each sideburn sew the 6 stitches of its last row to the inside of the 6 marked stitches of round 34, one to one, so that nothing shows on the outside. Fold the rim up again: the top of each sideburn is level with the folded edge and the beard hangs as it does from the buttons.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except the one at the last edge of the rim: the rim is turned up to the outside, so weave that end in on the right side of the rim, which the fold hides.

In all: 3 pieces.

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