Highland cow hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Joined rounds, loop stitch in rows, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: copper, the hat, the forelock and the ears	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the horns and the knots in the eyes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose pink, the muzzle and the inner ears	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate, the eyes, the nostrils and the smile	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 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, a little toy stuffing for the horns and the muzzle and a strip of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) long, to measure the loops by.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 215 yd (197 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 240 yd (219 m)**

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Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 255 yd (233 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 285 yd (261 m)
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 310 yd (283 m)

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: across the crown, 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 crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, 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 11, 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 7.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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.
- The eyes, the muzzle, the horns, the ear fronts and the ear backs 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.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- 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.

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- The forelock is begun with a magic ring like the hat, with 1 chain to hold the loop, and 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 forelock is a half circle; pull its ring closed when row 1 is done. Its odd rows are single crochet with the right side facing you; the even rows are shaggy loop stitch with the wrong side facing you, so that all the loops hang on the right side.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

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. **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.

(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

shlp (shaggy loop stitch): It is worked with the wrong side of the forelock facing you, and its loop hangs on the far side, which is the right side. Insert the hook in the place named. Hold the strip of card behind the work, its long upper edge against the row, and lay the yarn once round it, down its back and up its front, so that the loop is as long as the card is wide. Catch both strands at the foot of that loop with the hook and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Slip the loop off the card and tug it once, so that it holds. In the next row the stitch over a shaggy loop stitch goes under its two top loops, as usual.

Hat

Yarn A, copper.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** 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 12 to 18**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Band

☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

19 20 21

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

Forelock

Yarn A, copper.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 shlp in next st**] 3 times**	(6 shlps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**shlp in next 2 sts, 2 shlp in next st**] 3 times**	(12 shlps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**shlp in next 4 sts, 2 shlp in next st**] 3 times**	(18 shlps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**shlp in next 6 sts, 2 shlp in next st**] 3 times**	(24 shlps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn D, chocolate.

☐ **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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Muzzle

Yarn C, rose pink.

☐ **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)
☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, rose pink; A, copper.

☐ **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**	With A, **[**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 6 in (15 cm) of yarn A.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, copper.

☐ **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 40 in (102 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: unless the lines below say otherwise of a piece, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side before it is sewn on, and sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward. The center of a round piece is its ring.

3. 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. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Forelock: the straight side of the half circle is made of the ends of its rows, with the ring at its middle; the round side is row 8. Lay it on the top of the hat, the loops upward, the ring at the center of the top, the straight side along the line that runs from side to side over the center of the top, and the round side toward the front, so that the middle of row 8 lies on the line marked from the middle of the front. Pin it without stretching it: the round side lies about 2¼ in (6 cm) from the center of the top all along. Sew it down with its long tail, first along row 8, under the loops, a stitch to a stitch, and then along the straight side, one stitch to the end of each row. All its loops fall forward over the brow. Leave them whole.

4. Muzzle: embroider it before it goes on the hat. Shape its open edge to an oval about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall. Nostrils: with a strand of yarn D 24 in (61 cm) long for each, held double in the needle, work each nostril as three upright straight stitches side by side, close together, each ½ in (1.5 cm) long, their middles ½ in (1.5 cm) above the center of the muzzle, the stitch in the middle ¾ in (2 cm) from the middle of the muzzle, one nostril on each side. Smile: with a strand of yarn D 30 in (76 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a curve like a smile on the lower half of the muzzle, about 1¾ in (4 cm) wide from end to end: its lowest point lies ¾ in (2 cm) below the center, at the middle, and its two ends lie ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the level of the center. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long.

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5. Pin the muzzle to the front, the nostrils uppermost, its center on round 16 of the hat at the middle of the front. Lift the loops of the forelock that are in the way. Eyes: sew one to each side, close above the muzzle, its center on round 13 of the hat, 7 stitches from the middle of the front, under the ends of the loops, so that it peeps out below them. With a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the lower right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. 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. Then sew the muzzle down all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ¾ in (2 cm).

6. Horns: pull the ring at the tip of each horn closed once more and run its tail down inside the horn. Stuff the horns firmly, a little at a time, up to their last round. To bend a horn, thread a strand of yarn B 18 in (46 cm) long double, fasten it inside the open edge, and run a line of small stitches from the open edge to the tip along one side, over one round and under the next. Draw the strand in until the horn is bent to a quarter of a circle, fasten it at the tip and run its ends inside. The drawn-in side is the inner side of the bend.

7. The open edge of each horn is opened to a ring about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. The center of the ring lies on round 8 of the hat, 14 stitches of that round from the middle of the front, one horn on each side, the drawn-in sides uppermost, so that the horns go straight out to the sides and their tips curve up. Pin the horns and sew each down all round with its long tail, one stitch of its last round at a time.

8. Ears: weave in the ends of the fronts and the starting tails of the backs. Lay an ear front on an ear back, the wrong sides together, so that the stitches of their last rounds lie one on the other, and sew the two together with whip stitch through the top loops of both, all round (24 stitches), with the long tail of the back; keep what is left of it for sewing the ear on. The face with the pink middle is the front of the ear.

9. Fold the inner end of each ear: it is the place on the edge where the sewing tail hangs. With the pink side inside, lay the 3 stitches of the edge on one side of that place on the 3 stitches on the other side of it, so that the ear has a crease where the tail comes out. Sew the 3 pairs together with the tail: first the pair beside the crease, then the next, and last the pair farthest from the crease, which is called the front pair. The tail now hangs at the front pair. These 3 pairs are the inner end; the ear is hollow there like a spoon, and the rest of it stays open and flat.

10. Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. An ear stands out at each side, its hollow pink side toward the front. Lay its inner end against the hat along round 12, counted from the center of the top, so that the 3 pairs lie level along that round: the crease is turned toward the back of the hat, and the front pair lies 2 stitches of that round in front of the fold of the hat. With the tail sew the inner end down along its upper side, from the front pair to the crease, and back along its under side to the front pair, so that the ear stands out to the side; its outer end may hang a little lower than its inner end.

Finishing

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

In all: 11 pieces.

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