Houndstooth beanie

Adult, medium, head 22½ in (57 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21¼ in (54 cm) round and about 9½ in (24 cm) deep
To fit a head of 22½ in (57 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet in joined rounds, two colors carried in the round

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: black, the crown, the teeth and the brim	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: heathered oatmeal, the ground	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the line above the brim	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

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
Teen and adult, small	20½ in (52 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 9 in (23 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)
Adult, medium (this file)	**22½ in (57 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep**	**about 205 yd (187 m)**
Adult, large	24½ in (62 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

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. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 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 15, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 13.

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 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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).
- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.
- Where a yarn is taken up for the first time, leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the inside. In every round of two yarns work over the resting yarn along every stitch of the round, so that no loose strand lies inside the hat.
- The figure is 8 stitches wide and 8 rounds high, and it is worked two times: its second 8 rounds are the same as its first 8.
- Adult, medium: for a head of 22½ in (57 cm). The finished hat is about 21¼ in (54 cm) round and about 9½ in (24 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Adult, medium, head 22½ in (57 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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, heathered oatmeal; C, red.

☐ **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)**

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☐ **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)**

Stop and measure now, after round 13. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 38 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 15. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(80 sc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnd 33**	With A, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(80 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 34 to 35**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 40 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(40 FPdc, 40 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 34 to 35: tick them off as you go.

34 35

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

Finishing

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

In all: 35 rounds.

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