Hunter orange watch cap

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) deep with a cuff of about 2¾ in (7 cm) turned up (about 12¾ in (32 cm) long before it is turned up)

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Easy

Single crochet in rows, one seam, an edge of one round

Yarn

Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

You will need

Yarn A: blaze orange, the hat **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: heathered dark charcoal, the cuff edge **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), 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	21 in (53 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 200 yd (183 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 10¼ in (26 cm) deep	about 235 yd (215 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
RS	right side

Gauge

11 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the panel itself, laid flat and not stretched, after the tenth row: along a row, which checks the stitches, and then across the rows, in the place that line names, which sets the size round. Below, "round" is measured across the rows in the same way, not stretched.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 10, lay the panel flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 12¼ in (31 cm) long.

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. The ribs stretch, so each size is made smaller round than the head it is for, measured flat and not stretched. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before, so that every row has the same number of stitches; the chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either.
- 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, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.
- 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.
- The panel is worked in yarn A from its first row to its last; yarn B makes only the cuff edge, which is worked after the seam is sewn. The edge is one round with one stitch to each row, so it comes out a little wider than the ribs and stretches with them.

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Instructions

Chosen: Man, head 23 in (58 cm). The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Yarn A, blaze orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 35, 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	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 10.** Lay the panel flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 12¼ in (31 cm) long. Then measure across the rows: the 10 rows, not stretched, should measure about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) from the outer side of row 1 to the outer side of row 10. This sets the size round: if they measure more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the 10 rows measure right and the row is longer or shorter than it should be, keep the hook: the hat only comes out that much deeper or shallower.

☐ **Rows 11 to 62**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 11 to 62: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for the seam.	

Assembly

1. Seam: fold the panel in half with the right side out, so that the last row lies against the beginning chain. The edge where the long tail hangs is the lower edge of the hat. With that tail whip stitch the first 7 stitches from the lower edge, one stitch of the last row to one chain: this part is turned up later, so its seam is sewn from the side that will be hidden. Then turn the panel so that the right side is in and whip stitch the rest in the same way, up to the top. Fasten off and leave the hat as it is, with the right side in.

2. Cuff edge: it is one joined round, worked with yarn B along the lower edge into the ends of the 62 rows. The hat still has its wrong side outside, and that side faces you as you work, because it is the side that shows when the cuff is turned up. Hold the hat with its top at the bottom, so that the lower edge is uppermost. Put the hook under two strands at the side of the outermost stitch of each row, and do not work into the turning chains. Find the seam and join yarn B with a slip stitch in the end of the first row to the left of it.

3. Cuff edge, the round: ch 1, 1 sc in the end of each row, the first in the same place as the slip stitch and the last in the row just to the right of the seam, join with a slip stitch in the first sc (62 sc). The chain at the start of the round does not count as a stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and turn the hat right side out.

4. Top: the top is the edge where the tail of the beginning chain hangs and where the seam ended. Cut a strand of yarn A 55 in (140 cm) long and thread it in the needle. Run it in and out through the edge all the way round, taking one stitch in the end of every second row. Pull it up tight so that the top closes, run it round once more through the same places, pull again, and fasten it firmly on the inside.

5. Cuff: turn the lower edge up to the outside, so that the cuff is about 2¾ in (7 cm) deep, 2½ in (6 cm) of ribs and the round of yarn B above them.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except an end that lies in the part that is turned up: weave that one in on the right side, which the turned-up brim hides.

In all: 62 rows; 2,108 stitches.

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