Jester hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21½ in (55 cm) round and about 9 in (23 cm) deep, measured from the center of the top to the lower edge, without the horns; each horn is about 9¾ in (25 cm) long before it is bent

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Joined rounds, a two-color band, horns sewn on

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 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: royal purple, the crown, half of the checks, two horns and two pom-poms	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: jester gold, half of the checks, the edge, two horns and two pom-poms	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 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, a piece of card 1¾ in (4 cm) wide for the pom-poms, 4 more stitch markers, pins and a pencil with a blunt end for turning the horns.

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, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 310 yd (283 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 380 yd (347 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21½ in (55 cm) round, 9 in (23 cm) deep**	**about 410 yd (375 m)**

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 450 yd (411 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 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21½ in (55 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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.
- 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).
- The purple horns and the gold horns 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 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.

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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), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

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**.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, royal purple; B, jester gold.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(70 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(70 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 11 **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21½ in (55 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(70 hdc)

13 14

Checked band

☐ **Rnds 15 to 19**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)

15 16 17 18 19

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 24** 20 21 22 23 24	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)

Edge

☐ **Rnd 25**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Purple horn: make 2

Yarn A, royal purple.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11** 9 10 11	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** 13 14	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17** 16 17	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21** 19 20 21	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** 23 24	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(22 sc)

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☐ **Rnds 26 to 27** 26 27	Sc in each st around	(22 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnds 29 to 34** 29 30 31 32 33 34	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Gold horn: make 2

Yarn B, jester gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
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☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21** 19 20 21	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** 23 24	Sc in each st around	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(22 sc)

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☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 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. Pom-poms: make two in yarn A for the gold horns and two in yarn B for the purple horns. For each wrap the yarn 70 times round a piece of card 1¾ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off and tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand of the same yarn 16 in (41 cm) long; leave both ends of this tie hanging long and hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1½ in (4 cm) across. Keep the four pom-poms until the horns are bent.

3. Bending the horns, one after the other, while they are still open and before anything is sewn to their tips. Turn the horn wrong side out: push its tip with the blunt end of a pencil through the horn and out at the open edge. Its inside now faces you. Pull its ring closed once more and weave that tail in there. Lay the horn flat, still wrong side out, with its sewing tail at one side fold; the other side fold is its underside. Thread a strand of the same yarn as the horn 20 in (51 cm) long. Along the underside fasten it at round 5 and take one small stitch in every second round up to round 27, rounds 7, 9, 11 and so on. Draw the strand in until the fold measures about 4 in (10 cm) from round 5 to round 27 instead of about 6¼ in (16 cm), fasten it there and cut what is left. Turn the horn right side out again with the pencil. It now curves toward its underside, and the strand lies inside. The horn is not stuffed.

4. Pom-poms on the horns: the horns stay right side out, so all of this is done from the outside. Thread the two ends of the tie of a pom-pom on a needle, one after the other, and take each three times through the stitches of round 1 of the horn and back into the middle of the pom-pom. Knot the two ends together close to the middle of the pom-pom, where the cut strands hide the knot, and trim them to the length of those strands. A purple horn gets a gold pom-pom, a gold horn a purple one.

5. Marking the crown: number the 70 stitches of round 9 in the order they were worked, so that the line where the rounds are joined, the middle of the back, lies between stitch 70 and stitch 1. Put a marker in stitches 9, 26, 44 and 61. Straight above each marker a horn is sewn on: the lowest place of its open edge on round 9, at the marker, its highest place on round 3, so that the edge lies on the crown as a ring about 2¼ in (6 cm) across. The purple horns go above stitches 9 and 44, the gold ones above stitches 26 and 61; the four do not touch each other.

6. Sewing on: pin a horn in its place with its right side out and its underside, the fold that was drawn in, toward the marker. With its long tail sew its last round to the hat all round, one stitch of the horn at a time, through the hat and back. Sew the other three on in the same way. The horns rise from the crown, bend over to four sides and let their pom-poms hang.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 3,804 stitches (1,548 in the hat, 564 in each purple horn, 564 in each gold horn).

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