Kids' dinosaur hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, small pieces in rows 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.

You will need

Yarn A: turquoise, the hat	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: yellow, the spikes and the brim	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes and the nostrils	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, the rings of the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 135 yd (125 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 140 yd (129 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 165 yd (152 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet): 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 row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): 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 row.

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 below 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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

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.

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.

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- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- 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).
- The eyes 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).
- 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 spikes 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.
- Child: for a head of 19½ in (50 cm). The finished hat is about 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, turquoise; B, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, 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. 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)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** 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 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14

Brim

☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

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

Spike: make 4

Yarn B, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, black; D, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, 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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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. With the needle run the beginning tail of each spike from its point down through the edge stitches of one side to its last row, so that all its ends are at the last row and go to the inside of the hat.

3. The spikes stand in one straight line, from the brim at the middle of the front, over the center of the top, to the brim at the middle of the back; the middle of the back is the line where the rounds are joined. Pin the last row of each spike along that line, each spike beginning where the one before it ends. The 4 spikes take about 7½ in (19 cm) of the line and the line is about 11¼ in (29 cm) long, so begin about 2¾ in (7 cm) above the brim at the front and end about 1 in (2.5 cm) above it at the back. Sew each spike down along one side of its last row and then along the other, so that its point stands up.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined. Sew the eyes to the front, one on each side of its middle, the center of each on round 10 of the hat and 6 stitches of the hat between the two centers.

5. With yarn C embroider the nostrils: on round 13 of the hat two upright straight stitches, each about as tall as that round, 4 stitches of the hat apart, the middle of the front between them. Work each twice over.

Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces; 20 ends to weave in.

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