Kids' hat and cowl set

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep; the cowl is about 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 5¼ in (13 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Front and back post stitches in joined rounds, color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: denim, the hat and the cowl **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: poppy red, the red stripes **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: light cream, the cream stripes and the pom-pom **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16½ in (42 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 220 yd (201 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 280 yd (256 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

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 6, 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 5.

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.
- 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.

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- 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 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 cowl begins with a ring of chains. Round 1 goes into each chain, the first stitch into the chain that was joined. The rounds of the cowl are joined, and their yarns are changed, like those of the hat. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail. The striped edge of the cowl is its lower edge.

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 and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; B, poppy red; C, light cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** 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.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 20 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(20 FPdc, 40 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 20 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(20 FPdc, 40 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Repeat rnds 7 and 8 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 8, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 7.	

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

Stripes and edge

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Cowl

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; B, poppy red; C, light cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 72, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, sl st in first ch to form a ring, the chain not twisted.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**

After round 3 the cowl, laid flat and not stretched, should measure about 11 in (28 cm) from fold to fold.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 48 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(24 FPdc, 48 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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-pom: wrap yarn C 130 times round a piece of card 2½ in (6 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so 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 2¼ in (6 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the top of the crown with the two ends of the tie, through the hat and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat.
- The cowl is worn over the head like a wide collar; it has no ends to hang down. Weave its ends in on its inside.

In all: 2 pieces.

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