Kids' mohawk hat with a skull

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep, the edging included and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 2¾ in (7 cm) below that edge
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, earflaps in rows, small stuffed pieces

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: dark gray, the hat, the earflaps and the face of the skull	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lime, the spikes, the edging and the ties	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: warm white, the skull	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 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, pins, 4 more stitch markers (for the flaps) and a little toy stuffing for the spikes.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 225 yd (206 m)**

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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 edging and the rows of the earflaps are single crochet, counted at 14 to 4 in (10 cm).

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 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.
- The tall spikes, the middle spikes, the short spikes, the skull and the eye sockets 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.
- 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 earflaps are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- The spikes, the skull and the eye sockets are single crochet too: they are counted at 13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

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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**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Hat

Yarn A, dark gray.

☐ **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)

> **Stop and measure now, 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)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 | 10 | **11**

> **Stop and measure now, 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 19**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19

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

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Tall spike: make 3

Yarn B, lime.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Middle spike: make 2

Yarn B, lime.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

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Short spike: make 2

Yarn B, lime.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Skull

Yarn C, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Jaw

Yarn C, warm white.

☐ **Foundation**	Mark the 6 stitches of the last round of the skull, round 4, that come after its first stitch, in the order the round was worked. (The first stitch of the round, stitch 1, is the one that the slip stitch at the end of the skull went into; the marked ones are stitches 2 to 7.) With the right side of the skull facing you, leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) and join yarn C with a slip stitch in the first of them; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the direction in which the rounds of the skull were worked.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

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Eye socket: make 2

Yarn A, dark gray.

☐ **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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, dark gray.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 60 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 60 and stitch 1. Leave stitches 1 to 6 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of one flap, which takes stitches 7 to 18, leave stitches 19 to 42 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the other flap, which takes stitches 43 to 54, and leave stitches 55 to 60 for the back.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 12 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 7 for the first flap, stitch 43 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(4 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. Edging, worked once round the whole hat and both flaps: with the right side facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in stitch 1, at the middle of the back, and ch 1. Beginning in stitch 1 itself, single crochet in each stitch of the back to the flap (6); along the side of the flap to its last row, 1 single crochet in the end of each row (10); across the last row 2 single crochet in the first stitch, 1 in each of the next 2, 2 in the last (6); back along the other side to the hat, 1 in the end of each row (10); 1 in each stitch of the front (24); round the second flap like the first (26); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (6). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 88 single crochet. Fasten off.

3. Braided ties: for each flap cut 6 strands of yarn B 15 in (38 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the edging at the middle of the flap's lower end, so that 12 ends hang level; part them in 3 groups of 4, braid for about

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5 in (13 cm), knot and trim the ends.

4. Spikes: pull the ring at the point of each spike closed once more and run its tail down inside. Stuff the spikes firmly, up to the last round.

5. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins a straight line from the middle of the front, above the edging, over the center of the top and down to the middle of the back; it is about 15¼ in (39 cm) long. The seven spikes stand on it in one row, their edges touching, in this order from the front: short, middle, tall, tall, tall, middle, short. The front edge of the first spike lies about 2¼ in (6 cm) above the last round of the hat at the front, measured along the line; the row is about 9½ in (24 cm) long. Open the last round of each spike to a ring about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) across, pin all seven and sew each down all round with its long tail, so that it stands straight out from the hat.

6. Skull: weave in the ends that are not needed for sewing on the wrong side: the starting tails of the skull and of the eye sockets and the beginning tail of the jaw. The jaw is the lower edge of the skull. Sew the two eye sockets to the skull, right sides up, side by side across its middle, their centers level with the center of the skull and about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart. Nose: with a strand of yarn A 40 in (102 cm) long make two short straight stitches, each about ¼ in (0.6 cm) long, like an upside-down V: their upper ends lie close together at the middle of the skull, about ½ in (1.3 cm) below its center. Teeth: with the same strand make 3 upright straight stitches over the two rows of the jaw, each as high as the jaw, one in the middle, between stitches 3 and 4, and one two stitches to each side of it.

7. Pin the skull to the hat with its right side up and its jaw straight down, its center on round 12 of the hat, counted from the center of the top, 15 stitches to the left of the middle of the front as you look at the front, so that it lies on that side of the hat, above the flap. Sew it down all round, the skull with its own long tail and the jaw with the tail of the jaw.

Finishing

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

In all: 11 pieces.

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