Kids' owl earflap hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7¾ in (20 cm) deep, the edging included and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 3¼ in (8 cm) below that edge
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, shells, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: deep plum, the hat, the earflaps and the pupils	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: soft teal, the rings of the eyes, the upper and the third feathers, the tufts, the edging and the ties	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: warm cream, the whites of the eyes, the second and the lowest feathers	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sunny gold, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

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 and 5 more stitch markers (for the edge and the flaps).

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)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep**	**about 215 yd (197 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 240 yd (219 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row or round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round, and straight down from the beginning chain, which checks the height of the rounds. 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 12 rounds measure more than their line says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if 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 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.

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 ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The eyes are begun with a magic ring 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).
- 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.

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- 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 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.
- Single crochet worked in a spiral leans: each stitch stands a little to one side of the one below it. From the upper to the lowest row of feathers that is about 2 stitches, and the rows may sit that much to one side of each other. The flaps and the seam of the top are placed from the face, so that the lean does not matter to them.
- A magic ring, for the eyes: 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; 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. When the eye is done pull it closed once more and weave the tail in on the back.

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 sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarn A, deep plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 60, slip stitch in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 **6**

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.

☐ **Rnds 7 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 12: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

7 8 9 10 11 **12**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. Fold the hat flat without stretching it: from the beginning chain straight down to the edge of round 12 it should measure about 3½ in (9 cm).

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 17 sts, sc in BLO of next 25 sts, sc in next 18 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 19 sts, sc in BLO of next 21 sts, sc in next 20 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 21 sts, sc in BLO of next 17 sts, sc in next 22 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 23 sts, sc in BLO of next 13 sts, sc in next 24 sts	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 26: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 60 stitches of the last round, beginning from the face and not from the first stitch of the round: the stitches of a spiral lean a little to one side from round to round, so the beginning of the last round is not exactly at the middle of the back. Find the 25 free front loops of round 14 (round 15 was worked into the back loops there) and mark the middle one, the 13th from either end. Lay the hat flat with this mark at the middle of the front. Follow a straight line down from the mark to the edge, square to the rounds and not along the leaning stitches: the stitch of the last round that the line meets is stitch 30. Put a marker in it and go on counting from it in the order the stitches were worked: the next one is stitch 31, and after stitch 60 comes stitch 1, which lies at the middle of the back. Leave stitches 1 to 7 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of the first flap, which takes stitches 8 to 21, leave stitches 22 to 39 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the second flap, which takes stitches 40 to 53, and leave stitches 54 to 60 for the back.

Upper feathers

Yarn B, soft teal.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 60 stitches of the last round, beginning from the face and not from the first stitch of the round: the stitches of a spiral lean a little to one side from round to round, so the beginning of the last round is not exactly at the middle of the back. Find the 25 free front loops of round 14 (round 15 was worked into the back loops there) and mark the middle one, the 13th from either end. Lay the hat flat with this mark at the middle of the front. Follow a straight line down from the mark to the edge, square to the rounds and not along the leaning stitches: the stitch of the last round that the line meets is stitch 30. Put a marker in it and go on counting from it in the order the stitches were worked: the next one is stitch 31, and after stitch 60 comes stitch 1, which lies at the middle of the back. Leave stitches 1 to 7 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of the first flap, which takes stitches 8 to 21, leave stitches 22 to 39 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the second flap, which takes stitches 40 to 53, and leave stitches 54 to 60 for the back.

☐ **Foundation**	Mark the 25 stitches of round 14 at the front whose front loops are free, because round 15 was worked into their back loops. With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the first of them, the one farthest to the right; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same loop, and every stitch of the row goes into one of these free front loops.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 sc, 30 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The 6 shells stand away from the hat toward its lower edge and lie over it like feathers. Hold them up, toward the top of the hat, while the row of feathers below is worked.	

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Second feathers

Yarn C, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Mark the 21 stitches of round 16 at the front whose front loops are free, because round 17 was worked into their back loops. With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn C with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the first of them, the one farthest to the right; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same loop, and every stitch of the row goes into one of these free front loops.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(6 sc, 25 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The 5 shells stand away from the hat toward its lower edge and lie over it like feathers. Hold them up, toward the top of the hat, while the row of feathers below is worked.	

Third feathers

Yarn B, soft teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Mark the 17 stitches of round 18 at the front whose front loops are free, because round 19 was worked into their back loops. With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the first of them, the one farthest to the right; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same loop, and every stitch of the row goes into one of these free front loops.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(5 sc, 20 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The 4 shells stand away from the hat toward its lower edge and lie over it like feathers. Hold them up, toward the top of the hat, while the row of feathers below is worked.	

Lowest feathers

Yarn C, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Mark the 13 stitches of round 20 at the front whose front loops are free, because round 21 was worked into their back loops. With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn C with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the first of them, the one farthest to the right; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same loop, and every stitch of the row goes into one of these free front loops.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(4 sc, 15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The 3 shells stand away from the hat toward its lower edge and lie over it like feathers.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, deep plum; C, warm cream; B, soft teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, **[**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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn D, sunny gold.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing. Row 1 is the point of the beak.	

Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, deep plum.

☐ **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 14 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 8 for the first flap, stitch 40 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the order of the numbers.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	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).	

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Assembly

1. 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 (7); along the side of the flap to its last row, 1 single crochet in the end of each row (11); 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 (11); 1 in each stitch of the front (18); round the second flap like the first (28); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (7). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 88 single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

2. 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 5 in (13 cm), knot and trim the ends.

3. Top: lay the hat flat so that the middle of the face lies at the middle of the front; the two folds are then the sides. With a strand of yarn A 25 in (64 cm) long whip stitch the two halves of the beginning chain together from fold to fold, one chain of the front to one chain of the back (30 on each side). The two ends of this seam are the corners of the hat.

4. Eyes: the middle of the face is the line that runs straight up from the middle of the upper feathers (stitch 13 of the 25) to the beginning chain. Pin the eyes to the front with their right sides up, one on each side of that line, the center of each on round 8, 5 stitches from the line, so that the two eyes just touch. Sew each down all round its edge with its long tail. Light in the eyes: with yarn C make two short upright stitches side by side in each pupil, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, above the center of the eye and a little toward the beak.

5. Beak: pin it over the place where the eyes touch, its right side up, its point down and on the middle line, its last row on round 8, and sew it down all round. Run its ends to the inside.

6. Tufts (make 2): for each cut 14 strands of yarn B, each 4½ in (11 cm) long. With the hook pull 7 of them halfway through the corner of the hat from front to back, and the other 7 through the next stitch of the seam beside it in the same way. Gather all the ends straight up and out from the corner, wrap a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long 4 times tightly round them close to the hat, knot it and hide its ends in the tuft. Trim the tuft to about 1½ in (4 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces.

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