Kids' ponytail hat with hearts

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (48 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, measured from the edge of the opening; the opening is about 2 in (5 cm) across

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Joined rounds of single crochet, two colors carried in six rounds

Yarn

Light (3), 3 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, the hat	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the ground of the hearts	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, the hearts, the opening and the last round	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

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)	16¾ in (43 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18¾ in (48 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20½ in (52 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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.

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 18¾ in (48 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

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 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 pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The hat begins with a ring of chains that stays open at the crown: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. Round 1 is worked into the ring, over the chains, not into each chain.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- The opening in the crown is there for a bun or a ponytail to be drawn through. Its width, not stretched, is named with the size.
- Carry the resting yarn along every stitch of a round of two colors, so that no strand hangs loose on the inside. Where yarn C begins again, in the first round of the hearts, lay its end along the top of the round before from the start of that round, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and work over it from the first stitch on.

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 and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: C, raspberry; A, lilac; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 30 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 7. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

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. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18¾ in (48 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

The hearts: the 70 stitches are 7 groups of 10. In each group the heart takes the first 7 stitches and 3 white stitches stand after it. The hearts are worked from the top down.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

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☐	**Rnds 14 to 15**	Ch 1, **[**with C, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐	**Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next st, with C, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 19**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 20**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 21 to 22**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

Band

☐	**Rnds 23 to 25**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 25: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25

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

Finishing

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

In all: 26 rounds; 1,666 stitches.

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