Strawberry beret

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (48 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 8 in (20 cm) across

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Easy

Increases and decreases in joined rounds, straight stitches, small pieces sewn on

Yarn

Light (3), 3 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: strawberry red, the beret	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: snow cream, the seeds	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, the leaves and the stem	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 70 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, 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. Yarns A and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18¾ in (48 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep**	**about 175 yd (160 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 215 yd (197 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	20¾ in (53 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 215 yd (197 m)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the beret itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the beret with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the beret 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 beret 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 16 rounds of single crochet or 12 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 22, put a soft tape round the outside of the beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 18¾ in (48 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 12.

Notes

- 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 beret 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 beret 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 stem is begun with a magic ring like the beret 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.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK 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

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

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Beret

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(96 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 8 in (20 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(96 hdc)

13 14

Underside

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(87 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 7 times**, hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(79 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 7 times**, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(70 hdc)

Band

☐ **Rnds 18 to 22**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

18 19 20 21 **22**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 22.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 18¾ in (48 cm) round.

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

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Leaf: make 6

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch	(4 sc, 3 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	(3 hdc, 3 dc, 1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Stem

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the beret closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Seeds: with yarn B and the needle. Each seed is one straight stitch that runs from the center of the crown outward, as long as the half double crochet it lies on: come up on the right side at the foot of that stitch, where it grows out of the round before it, go down just under its two top loops, and work over it once more in the same two places, so that the seed is two strands thick. Number the stitches of a round from the line where the rounds are joined: the half double crochet that was joined is stitch 1. Work on round 8, 16 seeds: the first over stitch 1, then one over every 4th stitch after it; on round 10, 16 seeds: the first over stitch 4, then one over every 5th stitch after it; on round 12, 16 seeds: the first over stitch 1, then one over every 6th stitch after it; on round 14, 16 seeds: the first over stitch 4, then one over every 6th stitch after it. That is 64 seeds. On the inside run the yarn from seed to seed through the backs of the stitches, so that no long loops hang there, and begin and end each strand with a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

3. Each leaf has two tails. The starting tail, before the first chain, hangs at the rounded outer end of the leaf: before the leaf is sewn on, weave this tail into the stitches on the wrong side of the leaf itself and cut it off there; it does not go through the beret. The tail at the end of row 2 hangs at the pointed inner end and sews the leaf on.

4. The inner end of a leaf is the pointed end where its sewing tail hangs; the rounded end, with 3 single crochet in one chain, is its outer end. Lay the 6 leaves round the center of the top like the points of a star, their right sides up and their inner ends touching at the center, and sew each down along its middle, through the foundation chain, from the inner end over about half its length. The outer halves stay free. The stem covers the inner ends.

5. Stuff the stem lightly with its starting tail and a few short scraps of the same yarn. With the long tail at its end sew the open edge of the stem to the center of the top.

Finishing

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

In all: 8 pieces; 1,534 stitches (1,402 in the beret, 17 in each leaf, 30 in the stem).

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