Kippah with a ring of stars

Medium, head 21½ in (55 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 4½ in (11 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top, and about 6½ in (17 cm) across at the edge

To fit a head of 21½ in (55 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Single crochet in joined rounds, two colors carried in the round

Yarn

Lace (0), 3 colors

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

36 stitches and 38 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the kippah	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cobalt, the stars and the edge	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: silver, the two rings	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), 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
Small	20 in (51 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 4¼ in (11 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Medium (this file)	**21½ in (55 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 4½ in (11 cm) deep**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Large	23 in (58 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm) round, 4¾ in (12 cm) deep	about 185 yd (169 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

36 stitches and 38 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the kippah itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the kippah with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the kippah 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 kippah 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 40, put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 12.

Before you start

- A kippah rests on the top or the back of the head and does not go round it, so choose the size by how far it is across: lay a ruler over the head where the kippah will sit. The head measurement beside each size is only a guide to which head it is meant for.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The kippah 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 kippah 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.
- 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.

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- Crochet cotton of size 10 is a Lace (0) yarn. The stitches are small: if they come out larger than the gauge with the hook named, go on to a steel hook, which comes in smaller sizes.
- To wear the kippah, hold it to the hair with one or two clips at the edge.
- The stars are worked into the rounds: the star in the middle in rounds 1 to 11, the six stars in rounds 15 to 35. In those rounds each part in square brackets is one sixth of the round and holds one point of the middle star, or one whole star, with the same number of white stitches on both sides of it. Every stitch is single crochet; only the yarn changes.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium, head 21½ in (55 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: B, cobalt; A, white; C, silver.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, 2 sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 12** — With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join — **(72 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 2½ in (6 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 13** — With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join — **(78 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 14** — With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join — **(84 sc)**

Stars

☐ **Rnd 15** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(90 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 16** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(90 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 17** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(102 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 18** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(102 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 19** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(102 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 20** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(114 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 21** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(114 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 22** — Ch 1,
[with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(126 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 23** — Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(126 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(162 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 32 to 33**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(162 sc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33

☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(174 sc)**

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 37**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 39 to 40**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**

A box for each round, 39 to 40: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

39 **40**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 40.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

Edge

☐ **Rnd 41**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Pull the ring at the start of the kippah closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.
- Weave in every end on the inside of the kippah.

In all: 42 rounds; 4,710 stitches.

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