Knight helmet hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep; the neck guard hangs about 3½ in (9 cm) below the front edge and the opening for the face is about 6¾ in (17 cm) wide

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A spiral, post stitch ribs in rows, loop stitches, buttons

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: steel gray, the helmet	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: slate gray, the visor	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, the plume	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: old gold, the nose ridge and the edge of the neck guard	**about 15 yd (14 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, 2 buttons, ¾ in (2 cm) across, 2 more stitch markers (for the neck guard) and pins.

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, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 210 yd (192 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 m)

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 285 yd (261 m)

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)
st stitch
sp space
sk skip (UK miss)
rnd round
RS right side
MR magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next row or round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next row or round.

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.

flp (long loop stitch): The wrong side of the plume faces you. Insert the hook in the place named, lay the working yarn over a finger of the other hand, held behind the work, so that it makes a loop about 1¼ in (3 cm) long, catch both strands of that loop at its foot with the hook and pull them through (3 loops on the hook), let the long loop go, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. The long loops hang on the far side, which is the right side. In the next row the stitch over it goes under the two top loops, as usual. It leaves 1 long loop stitch 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: 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 neck guard, the nose ridge, the plume and the upper part of the visor are rows of single crochet, counted like the rounds at 14 to 4 in (10 cm); the rows of double crochet and of post stitches in the lower part of the visor are counted at 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm). The pattern says how tall the visor should be. If your visor comes out shorter, its lower edge hangs a little higher; that does no harm, for the slits are counted from the buttons down.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 13, 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 10.

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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 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 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 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 neck guard and the visor and the nose ridge and the plume are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- To change yarn at the start of a row, finish the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn and make the chain with it; cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- In the visor a post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the row before, whatever kind of stitch that is; front and back are meant as you see the row while you work it. The 3 chains skipped at the start of row 1 of the visor do not count as a stitch.

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, steel gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, 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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 12 **13**

Stop and measure now, after round 13. 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 14 to 23**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 23: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Neck guard

Yarns in order of use: A, steel gray; D, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Number the 60 stitches of the last round of the hat in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 60 and stitch 1. Mark the 38 stitches at the back and the sides, stitches 42 to 60 and stitches 1 to 19; the 22 stitches from 20 to 41 are the front and stay free. With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in stitch 42; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on past the middle of the back to stitch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 37 sts	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(38 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

☐ **Row 11**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Visor

Yarn B, slate gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 31, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across	**(28 dc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 6 times**, 2 dc in next st	**(4 dc, 14 BPdc, 12 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3, turn; 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, FPdc around each of next 2 sts, **[**BPdc around each of next 2 sts, FPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 6 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st	**(6 dc, 14 FPdc, 12 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3, turn; dc in next 3 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 6 times**, dc in next 3 sts	**(6 dc, 14 BPdc, 12 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3, turn; dc in next 5 sts, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, dc in next 6 sts, ch 8, sk next 8 sts, dc in next 5 sts	**(16 dc, 2 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, 8 sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in next 6 sts, 8 sc in next ch-8 sp, sc in next 5 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(32 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(28 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 28 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The visor should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from its beginning chain straight up to its last row. Row 1 is the lower edge of the visor. The two long chain spaces of row 5 are the slits for the eyes, the two short ones of row 9 the buttonholes.	

Nose ridge

Yarn D, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **End**	Before you fasten off, lay the strip, not stretched, beside the visor: it should be as long as the visor is tall, about 4½ in (11 cm). If it is shorter, work more rows like row 2; if it is longer, pull rows out. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

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Plume

Yarn C, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; flp in each st across	**(8 flp)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 24**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 24: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 60 in (152 cm) for sewing.	

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. Nose ridge: lay the visor down with its right side up and the nose ridge on it, its right side up too, its row 1 at the lower edge of the visor, its last row at the upper edge and its middle on the line halfway between the two slits, and pin it. With the long tail sew it down along both long sides and both ends. Weave the ends of the visor and of the nose ridge in on the wrong side of the visor, which is a piece of its own and is not sewn to the hat.

3. Visor: The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. On the last round of the hat count 13 stitches to each side of the middle of the front, then go 1 round up, and with yarn A sew a button to the hat there, its center on round 22, the round before the last. Button the visor on with its right side outward and its row 1 at the bottom, one button through each buttonhole. It hangs down over the front opening, and the slits for the eyes lie wholly below the front edge of the hat, their middles about ¾ in (2 cm) below it. To leave the face free, undo both buttons and take the visor off; it is not meant to be pushed up over the hat.

4. Plume: fold the strip in half along its length with the wrong sides together, so that the loops are outside, and with the long tail whip stitch the two long edges together, row to row. Draw the short ends of yarn into the fold, where they stay hidden. The seam is the foot of the plume; from it to the fold the plume is about 1¼ in (3 cm) high, without its loops. Pin the foot along the line from front to back over the center of the top, the end with row 1 toward the front, rows 1 to 6 before the center and rows 7 to 24 after it, so that the foot begins about 1¾ in (4 cm) before the center and ends about 5¼ in (13 cm) after it. Sew it to the hat along one side of the foot and back along the other. Shake the loops so that they stand to both sides and hide the fold; those at the front end fall forward over it.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces.

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