Kufi cap with a diamond band

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22 in (56 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top; the sides are about 3¼ in (8 cm) high and the flat top is about 6¾ in (17 cm) across

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

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

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory, the cap	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bottle green, the rosette, the diamonds and the edge	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the center, the rim of the top and the two lines	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23 in (58 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)

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Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 20, put a soft tape round the outside of the kufi along that round, without pulling it in: the kufi should measure about 22 in (56 cm) round.

The gauge is measured on the kufi itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the kufi with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the kufi 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 kufi will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 16.

Instructions

Man, head 23 in (58 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.
Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.
Working in the round
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring with yarn C. *The kufi 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.*	
Crown		
☐ **Round 1**	With C, ch 1, 6 sc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, 2 sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, with A, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)

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☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(90 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 16. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 17**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)

Sides

☐ **Round 18**	With A, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Rounds 19 to 20**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

19 **20**

Stop and measure now, after round 20. Put a soft tape round the outside of the kufi along that round, without pulling it in: the kufi should measure about 22 in (56 cm) round.

☐ **Round 21**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 27**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)

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☐ **Round 28**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 29**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 30**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 31**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)

Edge

☐ **Round 32**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐ **Round 33**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(99 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Pull the ring at the start of the kufi 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 kufi.

In all: 33 rounds; 2,499 stitches.

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.

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 right side of the kufi 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Yarn B comes in twice in the middle of a round: in round 4, and in the first round of the diamonds, just after the gold line. Both times take it up in the last yarn over of the stitch before its first stitch, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the inside. Carry it all round the round, under the last stitches in yarn A too, so that it is there for the next round. When the rosette is finished, after round 9, cut yarn B; after the last round of the diamonds let it rest on the inside until the edge.

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